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GUILTY ON ALL COUNTS: DONALD TRUMP NOW A CONVICTED FELON

A jury found the ex-US president guilty on each of the 34 counts of falsifying records to hide a payment to silence porn star Stormy Daniels

FIRST EX-PREZ TO BE CONVICTED OF A CRIME

According to the grand jury, Donald Trump paid $130,000 to the adult film star to prevent her from publicising an alleged sexual encounter with him that could have been fatal to his 2016 presidential campaign. Trump, 77, is the first ex-US president to be convicted of any crime. This, however, does not bar the Republican presumptive nominee from running for president | P12

$35-MILLION FUND BOOST TO DON'S CAMPAIGN

- Trump can become president if he wins the election, even if he is sent to jail. In theory, he can get four years in jail but is more likely to get probation
- The former president has indicated he will appeal verdict. "This was a rigged trial by a conflicted judge who was corrupt," he said. His campaign team said support for him is intact, adding $35 million was raised soon after the verdict

July 11, 2024

WHEN JUDGE JUAN MERCHAN WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO SEND TRUMP TO JAIL OR NOT

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Heatstroke: 25 poll officials among 74 dead

Roadside vendors rest in the shade beneath a stationary train coach on a hot summer day in Mumbai | AP

RAMASHANKAR AND ASISH MEHTA @ Patna/ Bhubaneswar

AT least 74 people, including 25 polling personnel in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, succumbed to heatstroke in the last 48 hours. The maximum casualty was in Odisha, where the suspected heatstroke toll stood at 36. UP followed with 20, Bihar 14, and Jharkhand four.

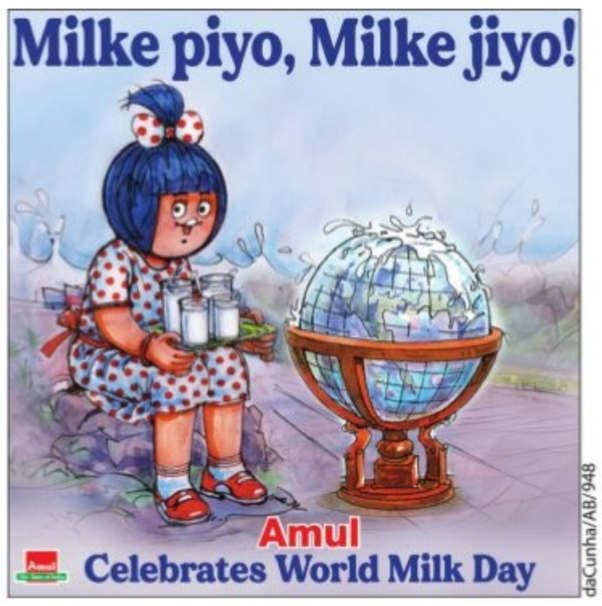
In UP, 15 poll personnel (13 in Mirzapur district and two in Sonbhadra district) died following high fever and high blood pressure amid heatwave conditions.

As for Bihar, most of the deaths were reported from Bhojpur where five polling personnel succumbed to heatstroke. Three other polling officials died in Rohtas, while Kaimur and Aurangabad districts reported one such death each.

In Odisha, sunstroke fatalities were reported in Rourkela city, Jharsuguda, Sambalpur and Balangir districts. In Jharsuguda, most of the victims were drivers by profession. In Jharkhand, over 1,300 people were admitted to hospitals due to heat-related issues. Heat wave conditions are expected to persist during the last phase of polling on Saturday.

The temperature sensor at Nagpur registered a maximum of 56°C on Thursday, but it was attributed to a sensor error a day later. P9

Milke piyo, Milke jiyo!



Amul Celebrates World Milk Day

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GDP beats estimates, logs 8.2% expansion in 2023-24

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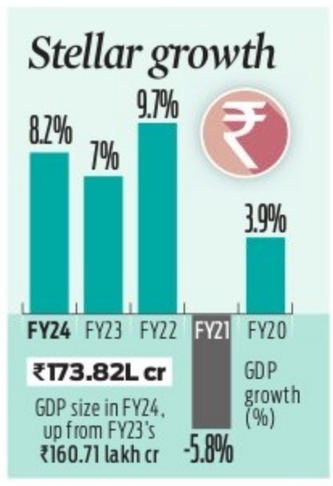
@ New Delhi

INDIA's real GDP grew at a fabulous 8.2% in FY24 against 7% in FY23. This is 60 bps higher than the second advance estimates, which pegged growth at 7.6%. This is also the third successive year of 7%-plus growth. It beats both RBI's forecast of 7% and consensus estimates of 7.6-7.8%, and retains India's position as the world's fastest growing major economy for the third year in a row. However, Q4 growth slowed marginally to 7.8%, lower than the 8%-plus growth registered in each of the previous three quarters of FY24.

According to provisional estimates released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation on Friday, real GDP, in absolute numbers, stood at ₹173.82 lakh crore in FY24 against ₹160.71 lakh crore a year before, while gross value added was ₹295.36 lakh crore. Likewise, Q4 real GDP stood at ₹47.24 lakh crore against ₹43.84 lakh crore a year ago.

On the expenditure side, FY24's growth was driven by domestic investments, which grew by 8.9%, while private consumption and government consumption remained subdued. Sources said private consumption will likely fare better given that it recorded a decent growth of 9.4% between FY21 and FY23, notwithstanding the post-pandemic affects on spending. On the supply side, the agriculture sector saw a heart-sinking 1.4% growth; services sector growth too was less than desired at 7.6%. Industries sector turned in a relatively better performance of 9.7% growth in FY24.

Manufacturing saw 9.9% growth against a 2.2% contraction in FY23. Mining sector grew 7.1% in FY24 compared to 1.9% a year ago.



Popularity test for VIPs in final phase of polls

Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking third consecutive term; five ministers in the fray

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR
@ New Delhi

A clutch of VIPs will face their popularity test in the last of seven phases of the general elections on Saturday. At stake is the reputation of big hitters such as Prime Minister Narendra Modi, his five cabinet colleagues and Opposition leaders like the Trinamool Congress's Abhishek Banerjee. While Modi is meditating at the Vivekananda Rock memorial in Kanniyakumari, his party leaders are managing the Varanasi joust.

In all, 57 Lok Sabha seats spread across seven states — Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Punjab — and the Union territory of Chandigarh will go to polls. Modi is seeking his third consecutive re-election from Varanasi. His cabinet colleague Anurag Thakur is seeking re-election from Hamirpur. He is pitted against Congress' Anand Sharma.

Other prominent BJP leaders in the fray are Anupriya Patel, R K Singh, Mahendra Nath Pandey, Pankaj Chaudhary, Lalu Prasad Yadav's daughter Misa Bharti, and Congress' Manish Tewari. The prestige of actor Kangana Ranaut and Himachal minister Vikramaditya Singh Singh is at stake in Mandi.

Taranjit Singh Sandhu, former envoy to the US, is pitted against Akali Dal's Anil Joshi in Amritsar. Union minister R K Singh is aiming at a hat-trick from Arrah, where his challenger is Sudama Prasad, a sitting MLA of the CPI(ML) Liberation.

In Varanasi, those contesting against Modi are Ajay Rai (Congress), Ather Jamal Lari (BSP), Kolisetty Shiva Kumar (Yuga Thulasi Party), Gagan Prakash Yadav, (Apna Dal, Kameravadi), and independents Dinesh Kumar Yadav and Sanjay Kumar Tiwari.

In Patna Sahib, BJP veteran Ravi Shankar Prasad is eyeing a second consecutive term.

In Bengal, the seventh phase will cover Dum Dum, Barasat, Basirhat, Jayanagar, Mathurapur, Diamond Harbour, Jadavpur, Kolkata Dakshin, and Kolkata Uttar, where the Trinamool secured victories in 2019.

Late Mukhtar Ansari's brother Afzal Ansari is in the fray from Ghazipur. P10

DECODE LS POLLS '24
PHASE 7 FACTS

57 Parliamentary constituencies (General 41; ST 3; SC 13) in 8 States/UTs go to polls

42 Assembly constituencies (General 27; ST 6; SC 9) of Odisha assembly, too, will have simultaneous polling

10.9 lakh polling officials deployed

Over 10.06 cr electors to cast their votes - 5.24 cr male; 4.82 cr female and 3,574 third gender

SEX SCANDAL

PRAJWAL SENT TO POLICE CUSTODY TILL JUNE 6

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@ Bengaluru

HASSAN MP Prajwal Revanna, who is facing sexual abuse cases, was on Friday remanded in police custody till June 6 in a case registered against him at the Holenarasipur Town police station.

The 33-year-old MP, who was absconding for 34 days, was taken into custody by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) as soon as he landed at the Kempegowda International Airport.

Escorted by women police officers, Prajwal was taken to the SIT office on the CID premises in the city. He was subjected to medical tests in the afternoon before he was produced at the 42nd Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) Court.

The prosecution appealed to the court to grant his custody for 15 days, while advocates representing Prajwal argued that he had surrendered and was cooperating with the SIT.

Hence, there was no need to remand him in police custody for 15 days.

CONTINUED ON: P4

SIT officers accompany Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna to Bowring Hospital for a medical examination in Bengaluru on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

NO ANTICIPATORY BAIL TO BHAVANI, SAYS COURT

The special court on Friday rejected the anticipatory bail plea filed by Bhavani Revanna, mother of rape accused MP Prajwal Revanna. Bhavani too is an accused in the kidnap case registered by the son of a victim of sexual assault. P4

SIT sleuths to probe Valmiki ST Corpn row

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UNDER pressure from BJP, the state government on Friday constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the alleged misappropriation of funds in the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd.

Under Additional Director General of Police (CID) Manish Kharbikar, the SIT will have three senior police officers. It will probe the allegations in corporation official Chandrashekar's suicide note and a complaint filed by his wife. It will also probe the corporation's complaint against some officials of the Union Bank of India. The bank has filed a complaint with the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to probe the cash transactions in question. P5

EXPRESS READ

Record set: VTU declares final sem results within 3 hrs of exams

Belagavi: Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) created a record by declaring results of final semester B.E/BTech/B.Arch/B.Plan courses within three hours of exams on Thursday. The exams ended at 5 pm and the results of 42,323 students were out before 8.30 pm. P3

DGCA issues show-cause notice to Air India for flight delays

New Delhi: Civil aviation watchdog Directorate General of Civil Avitaion (DGCA) on Friday issued a show-cause notice to Air India for inordinate delay of at least two international flights and failure to take due care of passengers.

Abhineta queers Neta's pitch in Bihar's Karakat

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

WHEN the going gets tough, the tough gets going." This old saying holds true for former Union minister and Rashtriya Lok Morcha (RLM) chief Upendra Kushwaha, the NDA candidate in Bihar's Karakat Lok Sabha constituency. The seat is witnessing a close triangular fight after Bhojpuri actor-cum-singer Pawan Singh entered the fray as an Independent.

SHOWTIME FOR GLADIATORS

Pawan was earlier with the BJP and positioned himself as a rebel candidate against the NDA pick Upendra. He was expelled from the BJP sacked after he ignored the party's order to stand down. He belongs to the dominant Rajput upper caste, the traditional vote bank of the NDA with an estimated strength of around 1.5 lakh.

Before the popular star's entry, Upendra was pitted against CPI-ML's Rajaram Singh. But the dramatic entry of Pawan, who has a huge fan following, alarmed NDA leaders. "The former had an edge considering the caste equation in the constituency," says Dinesh Kushwaha, a resident of Dehri-on-Sone. Sensing trouble, the NDA brass called in Rajput leaders including Union defence minister Rajnath Singh, former MP and NDA candidate from Sheohar Lovely Anand, and MLC Sanjay Singh to campaign for Upendra, who had won Karakat in 2014.

ILLUSTRATION: MANDAR PARDIKAR

From left: Rajaram Singh, Pawan Singh, and Upendra Kushwaha

The sitting MP is JD(U)'s Mahabali Singh, who had defeated Upendra in 2019 when the latter was contesting on a Rashtriya Lok Samta Party ticket. This time, Mahabali vacated the seat under NDA's seat-sharing pact.

Caste is a major factor in this election as voters consider the victory of a candidate from their community a prestige issue. There are 2.40 lakh Kushwahas in the constituency followed by Yadavs (3.5 lakh), Brahmins (1 lakh), Bhumihars (80,000), Paswan (30,000) and Ravidas (1.5 lakh).

While Upendra is mainly banking on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's popularity and development works, Rajaram is relying on the Muslim-Yadav combination of RJD besides CPI-ML cadre votes. "We have a strong support base in the constituency," claimed Subhankar Rai, a CPI-ML supporter.

On his part, Pawan promises to generate employment, promote organic farming, develop film industry, re-open closed factories, and establish IT park if elected. He has made the contest pretty colourful by roping in a host of Bhojpuri actors and singers, including Khesarari Lal Yadav, Pakhi Hedge, Manoj Tiger, Sona Singh, Shilpi Raj, Astha Singh, Aayaz Khan and Shivani Singh. It needs to be seen if the crowds will turn into votes.

(This is the concluding piece of the series that began on April 10, capturing the ground situation and giving readers a sense of the pulse ofthe nation.)

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• Gulikakala: 06:00 am to 07:30 am • Yamaganda: 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 33°C
FORECAST
Tons of rain. Overcast

Sunrise 05.52 am
Sunset 06.42 pm
Moonrise 01.30 am
Moonset 01.50 pm

HALF SPEED

Final two TBMs on Pink Line hit rough terrain

The 21.26-km line unlikely to open by March next year, as announced by BMRCL

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE final two Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) completing tunnelling for Bengaluru Metro's undergound stretch of the Pink Line, from Kalena Agrahara to Nagawara, have run into rocky terrain. This has forced them to tunnel at just half the usual speed, which makes it impossible to meet the tunnelling deadline of August-September 2024, and a year-end completion appears a possibility now. The 21.26-km line is unlikely to open by the March 2025 deadline announced earlier by Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL).

TBM Bhadra is yet to complete a 770-metre stretch to reach the finishing line at Nagawara South

Seven of nine TBMs have completed their jobs, but the last stretch between KG Halli and Nagawara South is still pending. Tunga and Bhadra are still tunnelling on the third and final leg of their journey. When they complete their job, tunnelling on the longest underground corridor of Bengaluru Metro will end. ITD Cementation India is the contractor here.

A Metro source told *TNIE*, "We have completed 19.66km of 20.99km of tunnelling work for the twin tunnels (Up and Down) which translates to 93.6 per cent of work done. However, both Tunga and Bhadra, drilling parallel, have now encountered rocks. As per the geological report we have, this segment is supposed to have soil but rocks have been found now."

TBMs need to tunnel 940 metres each from KG Halli towards Nagawara. "As of now, Tunga which had an early start (Feb 3) needs to complete 550 metres to reach the finish line, while Bhadra which began on April 2, needs to tunnel 770 metres more."

If the tunnelling surface has soil, the TBMs cover at least 5km per day. "At present, they are covering only 3km per day as it is extremely difficult to bore through rocks and they drill quite slowly," he explained. The machines easily suffer wear and tear when boring hard surfaces, and the parts need to be replaced at regular intervals. The TBMs had begun their first drive from Venkateshpura to Shaadi Mahal shaft (between Pottery Road and Tannery Road). They were lifted and transported by road back to Venkateshpura, from where their second drive began to KG Halli.

On a possible deadline, another source said, "If the rocky surface gives way to soil after some time, then completion by December 2024 is possible. If the rocky terrain continues, we will need a few more months to complete tunnelling." The Pink Line has 18 stations, of which 12 stations are underground, covering 13.76km and the remaining stations are elevated and cover 7.5km. Asked if tunnelling delay would be responsible for holding up the entire line, the source added, "There is work yet to be done at the stations and much more before the line can be considered completed. Tunnelling cannot be singled out as the reason for it."

'EAT GREEN'

Children dressed as chickens and calves create awareness for people to adopt a vegan diet, at an event by PeTA, in Bengaluru on Friday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

HC allows pubs, breweries to serve food for next 5 days

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

IN a relief for the Food and Beverage industry, the High Court approved their request to continue serving food between June 1 and 6. The HC decision came as pubs and breweries will to be closed across the state due to the Legislative Council polls, Lok Sabha counting days and MLC results. However, pub and brewery owners lament that business would be significantly affected, as people often visit pubs primarily for drinks, with food being a secondary consideration.

As per the HC order dated May 31, respondent No 3 (Deputy Commissioner and District Executive Magistrate) and No 4 (Commissioner of Police and

Additional District Executive Magistrate) are directed not to prevent the petitioner and others in similar situations from serving food in bars and restaurants.

Pub and brewery owners state that most people visit pubs primarily to drink, and although the order is in their favour and will help them earn a bit, the industry will still be significantly impacted.

Chethan Hegde, founder of 1522 and Bengaluru Chapter Head of the National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI), told TNIE that while this will help keep the business running — since operations are usually completely shut down on dry days — he lamented that it will still negatively impact their business. He added that the industry is upset because despite being the highest taxpayers, they bear the loss for the sake of a relatively small number of voters.

The High Court order applies only to food service. Liquor sales will remain completely prohibited on June 2, 4, and 6, while on June 1 and 3, sales will resume after 4pm.

Students await CET results, KEA justifies delay

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Common Entrance Examination (KCET) was conducted between April 18 and 20, however, it has been close to a month-and- half and yet the results have not been announced, with candidates' futures hanging in the balance. The delay in results has made students restless about their ranks and also their college prospects for various courses, and they are constantly reaching out to the authorities for answers.

The Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) has justified the delay, attributing it to the new government order which said that the first two PUC II examinations need to be taken into account, which are being conducted from this year. The other reason for the delay is also the pending 'Agriculture Practical Test' results from the agricultural university, without the two, the ranks cannot be consolidated.

"As per government directions, we have to consider the first two exam results of PUC II. There has also been a week's delay from the agricultural university in issuing the practical exam results, which we received only late last night (Thursday). The delay is not by KEA, but external factors," a KEA official said, adding that the results for KCET 2024 can

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

be expected early next week.

The Karnataka State Examination and Assessment Authority (KSEAB) announced the results of the PUC II examination, exam two on May 21. Meanwhile, the students have questioned KEA on the delay and said that COMEDK (Consortium of Medical, Engineering and Dental Colleges of Karnataka) announced its results on May 24, and the exams were conducted on May 12, for which over one lakh students appeared. "The confusion over out of syllabus has made students wary of their scores, and the delay in results is also making students and parents anxious," said Ajay Kamat, state secretary for All India Democratic Students Organisation (AIDSO).

A total of 3,10,484 candidates appeared for the KCET exams this year.

DELAYED CET RESULTS

AAP accuses state govt of ₹3k-cr scam

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AAM Aadmi Party (AAP) has accused the state government of facilitating private engineering colleges and promoting privatisation of education by delaying the announcement of CET results, calling it a scam of around Rs 3,000 crore. BT Naganna, State Organising Secretary, during a press meet, said it has been over 42 days since the completion of the CET examination, but the results are still not out. However, the education department has allowed private engineering colleges to conduct admissions.

"About 60,000 seats are on sale today. Many parents are going to apply to four or five colleges to see if their children will get a government seat or not, charging around Rs 1,200 per application. A private college sold 35,000 applications at Rs 1,200 each and made around Rs 4.80 crore. Why has the government given permission for the admission process before the CET results," Naganna questioned.

He added that the government should order the private colleges to refund the entire fees paid by the students, who have already been admitted to private colleges, but later secure a seat through CET rankings. "Private colleges have said they will reduce the fee by 10% for those who got government seats in the first round and refund the remaining amount, but will not refund any money to the students who secure seats in the second round," he claimed.

Chanakya varsity felicitates UPSC rank-holders

BENGALURU: Chanakya University, in association with Samkalp Foundation, New Delhi, hosted a felicitation ceremony on Friday to honour the achievements of UPSC rank-holders for 2023. The event, held at the university, was attended by distinguished guests, eminent personalities, faculty, students, and the families of the rank-holders. G Prasanna Kumar, former Addl Chief Secretary, Government Of Haryana, was the chief guest. Chanakya University, in association with Samkalp IAS, New Delhi, is offering BA Embedded Civil Services for UPSC aspirants as part of the curriculum. Vijeta Hosamani – AIR 100, Nagabhushan – AIR 111, Akash Agarwal – AIR 105, Chandrabhushan – AIR 123, Yashaswini – AIR 243, Diya Dasgupta – AIR 207, Bharat C Yaram – AIR 667, Ranu Gupta – AIR 536, Navya K – 696, Thanu Kumar – AIR 973, were felicitated during the programme.

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BBMP teachers accused of misusing ₹ 23 lakh in funds

BENGALURU: Close on the heels of the controversy surrounding the BBMP school teachers' recruitment, a show-cause notice has been issued to 33 individuals, including principals and teachers in BBMP institutions, for alleged misuse of funds to the tune of Rs 23 lakh. According to reports, the principals as well as teachers in Palike-run schools have withdrawn funds that were meant for minor repairs, purchase of materials, events and excursions. The Special Commissioner for Education, Preeti Gehlot, issued notice to them on May 24, seeking explanation as the alleged action from the 33 principals and teachers amounted to violation of the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement (KTPP) Act.

Bank of India launches '666 Days - Fixed Deporit'

BENGALURU: Bank of India has launched its '666 Days - Fixed Deposit', which offers attractive returns on deposits at 7.95% p.a. for super senior citizens for 666 Days for deposit amount of less than Rs 2 crore. Under the scheme, senior citizens will get 7.80% p.a. and others will get 7.30% p.a. The revised interest rates are applicable for domestic, NRO and NRE Rupee Term deposits, which is made effective from June 1, 2024. Loan against Fixed Deposit and Premature Withdrawal facility is available. Customers can visit any Bank of India branch or use the BOI Omni Neo app/internet banking to open the FDs.

NIMHANS bags WHO's Nelson Mandela Award

NIMHANS Director Dr Pratima Murthy receives the award, as WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus (right) looks on

ENS @ Bengaluru

NIMHANS has been honoured with the 2024 Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion by the WHO. This award, established in 2019, celebrates individuals, institutions, and governmental or non-governmental organisations for their outstanding contributions to health promotion.

NIMHANS Director Dr Pratima Murthy received the award at Geneva. The award acknowledges NIMHANS commitment and contribution to advancing mental health and well-being in the fields of mental health and neurosciences, pioneering innovative approaches to research, education, and patient care.

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya highlighted that it is a recognition of India's efforts in inclusive healthcare.

Dr Pratima Murthy, Director, NIMHANS, and Senior Professor of Psychiatry said, "It is really heartening that the Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion has recognised achievements in mental health, an area often overlooked."

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

01ST June : The world's lovers should understand that Venus, planet of affection and emotion, is in patterns which signify theatrical verve and dramatic flair. In general, then, this is a time when we may all pick our friends and associates for their sense of fun and frivolity. In other words, it's time to enjoy life for all it's worth!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
It's a generally favourable day to put out feelers and approach people whose support would be useful. Remember, though, that it's essential to find ways of doing things that are completely different from whatever was done in the past. A change is as good as a rest, as they say.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
The past brought its burdens, but the future always brings hope. You will soon be able to free yourself from an activity or association which has been distinctly unprofitable. However, in the near future you may have little choice but to continue along present lines.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You're always being pulled in different directions, but please take minor financial hassles in your stride and sort out problems as they occur. Long-term issues are likely to give rise to unexpected queries, but do try not to leave anything in the air.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Today's planetary accent is on all forms of communication, particularly on amicable and constructive meetings. However, not everyone will share your good intentions and you must be prepared for a certain amount of disruption. Don't worry - it will pass.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Minor set backs may have been irritating, but don't lose heart, for, if you are typical of your sign, your affairs will shortly improve. As a matter of importance, build on any recent success in your personal affairs, and capitalise on an opportunity you've been ignoring.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
There are many interesting possibilities in current planetary patterns, all of which are rather dependent upon the will or whim of close companions. Teamwork is strongly advisable at home, so don't rock the boat. It will be so much better if you can delicately persuade partners to do their bit.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
There may be some attractive openings, yet mundane trivialities may occupy too much of your time. There are indications that it is your lack of determination, and perhaps an absence of real experience, which is letting you down. Is there someone who can fill the gap? If so, get in touch.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You're such a secretive person, but sometimes you protect your privacy when there's no need. Do try not to resent friendly interference in your affairs. It is certain that partners are motivated by the best of intentions, and that much of what they have to say could be of great use.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
There are people around who could ease your path through a financial maze. You are not happy about accepting certain suggestions, but the fact is that you are now in genuine need of help and advice. Don't be too proud to turn to people who you've turned down in the past.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
The current planetary formation is drastically affecting social life and friendships, as well as intimate partnerships. Most of you are not yet aware of the extent of an imminent shake-up in your relationships. But it will be good to meet new people and discover new lifestyles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
It's a fine moment to combine different activities, mixing business with pleasure, or bringing family and social affairs together. You are basking under classic indications of good fortune in personal and romantic relationships. A family gathering is a great idea.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
The Moon is stating a simple fact, namely that smooth communication is the key to your plans and happiness. Therefore, please try to catch up with correspondence, get in touch with anyone you've neglected, and share your plans with all who are affected.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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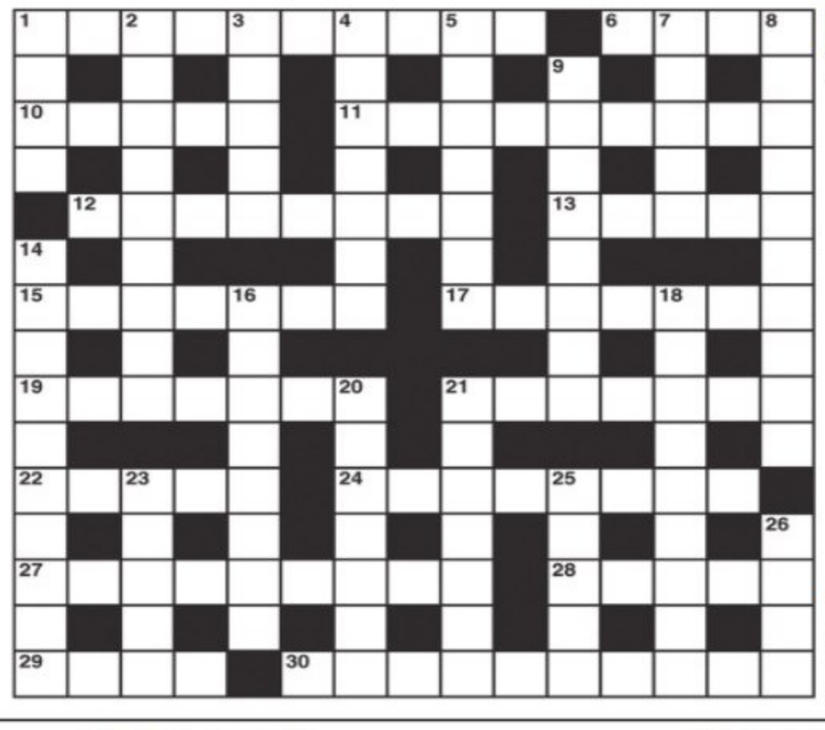

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Philanthropist throwing a coin in the water (4-6)
6 Good-hearted type (4)
10 A place where waiters are forgotten? (5)
11 A home for King Charles? (3,6)
12 In use can turn into a problem (8)
13 Beat and serve out broth (5)
15 Manila's wild creatures (7)
17 Unruly campers are made to sked addle (7)
19 They may be worn by those shortening sails (7)
21 His act is viewed as buffoonery or tripe maybe (7)
22 Recompense merit perhaps (5)
24 The old find it disconcerting to associate closely (8)
27 Kind of steak that is rarely served (9)
28 Brief paralysis of one in a game (5)
29 Board of trade (4)
30 Extend an invitation to sleep on the floor? (7,3)

DOWN
1 Issue forth abundantly (4)
2 Car may be minus oil note (9)
3 Green area for driving (5)
4 Signs I'd put out for resting track runners (7)
5 Little creatures of high birth (7)
7 Private lodging provided with little hesitation (5)
8 Intended to take counsel (10)
9 Experiment on patient may set a precedent (4,4)
14 Just reason for building a showplace (10)
16 Opening for a photographer (8)
18 The case for holding various shares (9)
20 Try to make a little yarn go a long way? (4,3)
21 Take the lead but quietly drop back later (7)
23 Aimed to provide TV, radio and film (5)
25 Subject of a Canaletto picture (5)
26 Office job (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Perused, 5 Lotto, 8 Entertain, 9 Cry, 10 Sups, 12 Convents, 14 Period, 15 Descry, 17 Postpone, 18 Plan, 21 Ago, 22 Scapegoat, 24 Sheer, 25 Yangtze.

Down: 1 Peers, 2 Rat, 3 Spry, 4 Dead on, 5 Longview, 6 Technical, 7 Odyssey, 11 Periscope, 13 Composer, 14 Poplars, 16 Infamy, 19 Nitre, 20 Keen, 23 Oat.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ANNOY WITTY TIRADE SWATCH
Answer: These lemonade sellers chose a location that would allow them to — STAND IN THE WAY

"Honest officials in the state have turned anxious under the present Congress government. They are stifled and the government is hardly paying any attention to the misappropriation of funds in the ST corporation," alleged Leader of Opposition in Assembly R Ashoka in Shivamogga on Friday

How can police function if MLAs sit in stations: HC to Poonja

Court poses questions to advocate representing Poonja; says there are remedies in law if police illegally arrest someone

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

QUESTIONING how police officers could function if lawmakers (MLAs) go and sit in police stations, the Karnataka High Court orally observed that if such conduct is allowed, then police will not be in a position to discharge their duties. Hence, we have to protect the police or no citizen would be safe if MLAs go and sit in police stations in connection with criminal cases, Justice Krishna S Dixit said on Friday.

He made this observation while posing a series of questions to the advocate representing **Belthangady MLA Harish Poonja**, while hearing his petition questioning the criminal case registered against him for allegedly obstructing police from discharging their duties, in a case involving Belthangady taluk BJP Yuva Morcha president Shahiraj Shetty.

Referring to attacks on police stations, the court questioned the right of an MLA to go to a police station over a criminal case registered against an individual. This court is against MLAs going to police stations when criminal cases are registered against others, Justice Dixit said.

Senior advocate Prabhuling K Navadgi, representing Poonja, submitted that the MLA went to the police station after receiving a call from Shetty's wife, stating that police had taken her husband late at night without giving any reason.

The court questioned Navadgi whether an MLA can go to a police station and question police if the wife or son of a suspected terrorist calls the MLA and complains. Navadgi submitted that Poonja went to the police station as MLAs have the responsibility to verify complaints from citizens, and had perhaps raised his voice that Shetty was taken into custody without an FIR being registered.

Declining to agree with his arguments, the court pointed out that there are remedies in law if police illegally arrest someone, or commit excesses.

Meanwhile, Additional Public Prosecutor BN Jagadeesha submitted that Puttur circle inspector had filed a chargesheet against Poonja, and the taluk court had already taken cognisance of offences against him. The court adjourned the hearing while asking police to file objections.

Poonja moved the High Court after he was booked for allegedly deterring police from discharging their duties and for allegedly creating a ruckus in the police station on May 18.

FROM BUMPY TO SMOOTH RIDE IN A DAY...

A day after *The New Indian Express* published a picture of a massive pothole on the busy Jayamahal Road, the civic authorities filled it on Friday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

Four arrested, 31 stolen two-wheelers recovered

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PARAPPANA Agrahara police have arrested four people and recovered 31 stolen two-wheelers worth Rs 45 lakh and a gold chain weighing 10 gm from them.

The arrested hail from Hosur in Tamil Nadu. The police gave the names of the accused as Ravichandra, 21, alias Kunti and Mohan Kumar, 29, alias Bullet of Amruthnagar, Govindaraju, 19, alias Shiva of Naganathapura and Amruth Kumar, 26, of Govind Shetty Palya. Mohan Kumar is involved in a robbery case in Hosur police limits. Amruth Kumar has a POCSO case against him in Hosur police station, the police said. The police nabbed two of the accused on May 21. Based on their information, the other two were nabbed on Friday. After stealing bikes and scooters, the accused sold them in villages of TN, the police said.

Accused in POCSO case illegal B'deshi migrant

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

THE man who allegedly raped a 16-year-old girl in Begur police limits, is said to be an illegal Bangladeshi migrant.

According to a source and human rights activist, the accused, Shahin Shaik, was involved in an ATM theft case in Hebbagodi in 2020. Illegal Bangladeshi migrants deliberately get involved in petty crimes and obtain bail to continue to stay in India on the pretext of facing court cases.

According to R Kaleemullah, vice-president of All India Shramik Swaraj Kendra, the accused has three wives, one in Kolkata and two living in sheds in Begur, from where he operates a scrap business. Shaik, a resident of Rayenda village in Bagerhat district in Bangladesh, was arrested by Hebbagodi police on August 28, 2020, in connection with an ATM theft case. He was out on bail soon.

Now, a serious offence under the POCSO Act has been filed against him. His brother Hassan allegedly offered lakhs of rupees to the girl's family not to pursue the case. Since an FIR was registered and top police officials were informed, Hassan is also missing.

"Some illegal Bangladeshi migrants get involved in petty crimes like theft, trespass, robbery and others deliberately. They get jailed and see it as an opportunity to continue staying in India, as they have multiple court hearings, and in the meantime, they carry on with other illegal businesses," said the activist.

EXPRESS READ

IAS officers given concurrent charges

BENGALURU: Following the superannuation of IAS officer Rakesh Singh, who was holding the posts of Additional Chief Secretary of Urban Development Department, Water Resources department and Additional Chief Secretary to Government, the State Government issued orders appointing officers on concurrent charge. Dr Shalini Rajneesh has been given concurrent charge as Additional Chief Secretary to Government, while Umashankar SR has been give the charge of the Urban Development department. Gaurav Gupta will be holding the concurrent charge as Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources department. Also, following the superannuation of Manjula V, who was holding positions of chairman of Karnataka Appellate Authority and Director General of Administrative Training Institute, Mysuru, the government has appointed Rajneesh Goel and Srikar MS respectively on concurrent charge. ENS

VTU declares final sem results within 3 hours of exams

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VISVESVARAYA Technological University (VTU) has created a record by declaring the results of final semester B.E/BTech/B.Arch/B.Plan courses within three hours of examinations on Thursday.

The exams ended at 5 pm and the results of 42,323 students were out before 8.30 pm. The results were shared on Whatsapp immediately.

Vice-Chancellor of VTU Dr S Vidyashankar said the announcement of results in this manner will help engineering students take decisions on their future plans without any delay.

"It is important for students to take immediate decisions on whether to go for further studies or jobs. Declaration of their examination results early will help them. Considering the future of students, the university introduced several revolutionary changes in its examination system, administration and research department in the past few months. The revolutionary changes helped us achieve this milestone," Dr Vidyashankar said.

He said the students, who have completed their courses, may apply for provisional degree certificates online from June 3. The university held two convocations last year by holding examinations and announcing results early. According to sources, the university has begun preparations to hold its annual convocation in July.

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KSPCB chairman removed from post

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Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) Chairman Dr Shanth Thimmaiah was removed from his post on Friday. IFS officer BP Ravi, who is principal secretary, Forest department, has been given additional charge as chairman of KSPCB.

Shanth Thimmaiah, who was appointed during the previous BJP regime, was removed after he faced charges of serious irregularities while awarding work contracts in violation of rules laid down regarding approvals.

While rules specify that only a bureaucrat from IAS cadre or other such service can be appointed, Thimmaiah was charged with appointing a person who did not belong to the IAS cadre as member-secretary of the KSPCB, in spite of protests. He also allegedly favoured a plastic recycling private company which was closed down.

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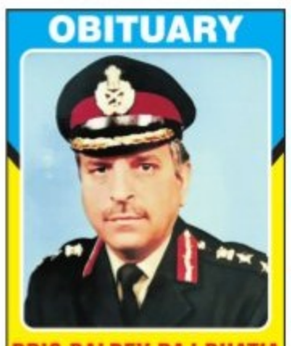

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Janata Dal (Secular) core committee president and MLA GT Devegowda said on Friday that the alleged sex scandal will not have any impact on the upcoming MLC elections. He said that the JDS leaders never interfered with the SIT investigation

HC ISSUES NOTICE TO REVANNA, SIT & COMPLAINANT

No relief from courts for Revanna, wife Bhavani, son Prajwal | High Court says order granting bail to JDS MLA seems to be flawed | Toilet, room unhygienic at SIT office, Prajwal tells court

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THE Karnataka High Court on Friday issued an emergent notice to JDS MLA **HD Revanna** on a petition filed by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) challenging the bail granted to him by the special court in connection with a case registered in KR Nagar police station in Mysuru district over alleged kidnap of a victim of a sexual assault allegedly involving his son and Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna.

The court also issued notice to the SIT and the complainant in the case registered in KR Nagar police station on the petition filed by Revanna challenging the legality of the case registered against him on the charges of kidnapping.

Justice Krishna S Dixit passed the order to issue notices after hearing the petition filed by the SIT as well as Revanna.

While granting bail to Revanna on May 13, the special court noted that no material had been produced by the SIT to establish the allegations of abduction levelled against Revanna.

Referring to this, senior advocate Prof Ravivarma Kumar, who has been appointed as the Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) to represent SIT, argued that the special court granted bail to Revanna on the ground that Section 364(A) of IPC will not attract against him which is a mistake.

Justice Dixit issued an emergent notice to Revanna, saying that an arguable case is made out by the SPP by pointing out an interpretation made by special court about 364(A) of the IPC is flawsome, resulting in the granting of bail to the accused. Matter requires deeper consideration, Justice Dixit added while asking the registry to post the matter for hearing immediately after serving notice.

Senior counsel CV Nagesh, representing Revanna, argued that the accused cannot be slapped with Section 364(A). There is no demand for ransom to invoke Section 364(A) as in the case of Indian Airlines hijacking to Kandahar in 1999 for release of terrorists.

Justice Dixit said that both petitions could be heard on Monday.

Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna being brought to Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital for a medical examination in Bengaluru on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

SIT directs Bhavani to be present at Holenarsipur residence today

HASSAN: The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the alleged sex scandal has issued notice to Bhavani Revanna, wife of JDS MLA HD Revanna, under Section 41(A) of the CrPc directing her to be present at her residence in Holenarasipur town on June 1. The notice is in connection with a kidnap and rape case registered in KR Nagara Police Station on May 2. The notice reads that the SIT team will visit Bhavani's residence on June 1 after she gave a written reply to them on May 15 that she will make herself available at her Holenarsipur residence if the investigation team wants to inquire her in connection with the case. Police Inspector Hemath Kumar, who is also the SIT investigation officer, has stated in the notice that the team comprising women staff will visit Bhavani's residence between 10 am and 5 pm on June 1. The notice also directs her to be present at her Holenarsipur home without fail.

SIT likely to put Prajwal through a potency test

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE SIT is considering putting MP Prajwal Revanna through a potency test, which would involve assessments such as physical examination and other tests to gather evidence.

Prajwal, who is facing allegations of sexually abusing several women, was taken to Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital in Shivajinagar on Friday afternoon for a medical examination.

A hospital official confirmed to *TNIE* that Prajwal arrived at 1pm and was at the hospital till 1.15pm. All his vital parameters were normal.

Sources said the potency test can only be conducted after obtaining permission from court. "Permission is generally granted, based on applications submitted by law enforcement agencies or prosecutors. The court evaluates these requests to determine the necessity of the tests for gathering evidence, and ensuring due process in the case before granting permission," the police said.

While potency tests hold different meanings, in the context of a sexual abuse case, the term refers to forensic examination relevant to the alleged abuse, the police officer added.

Forensic potency tests in sexual abuse cases typically involve collection and analysis of biological samples, such as semen or DNA, from the suspect. These tests are crucial for determining the presence of body fluids, identifying genetic material and establishing links between individuals involved in the case, the officer explained.

MY TAKE

Where's the science for people's safety, well-being?

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HAS there ever been an audit conducted in Bengaluru on the safety and well-being of its citizens? Had it been done, it would have revealed that the city, considered the "Science Capital of India", has no semblance of application of science or logic to ensure their safety and well-being in the public domain.

Poor road design, unscientifically planned subways which flood during heavy rains, lack of footpaths forcing citizens to walk on the roads in the path of speeding vehicles, encroached footpaths wherever they do exist, loosely hanging electric cables, live electric wires left exposed at ground level threatening children and adults alike, trees with weak branches which threaten to crack skulls, inappropriately laid zebra crossings leaving pedestrians confused about where to cross (if they ever follow them) ... the list goes on.

It implies that the average Bengalurean remains exposed to a constant threat while in the public domain. The same exists in many other cities across the state as well as in the country. But the stark irony of that happening in Namma Bengaluru, where science rules – at least within the innumerable government and private laboratories that the city boasts of – should be a slap in the face of the authorities and citizens of this city alike for failing to apply it to ensure people's safety.

Over the past few months, mass leaders, political representatives as well as those aspiring to follow in their footsteps, have ruled the roost while crisscrossing the city and the state seeking and begging for votes from people. But the same people – the voters – being vulnerable to the lack of science in town planning and utility services, is something that needs to be red-flagged as it fails to occur to the powers that be, and to the people themselves.

It is one thing when political leaders belonging to different ideologies and party loyalties hurl charges at each other for lacking a scientific temper. But ground realities indicate that the pathetic lack of science that exposes the common citizen to potentially fatal risks has nothing to do with which party is at the helm. The threat existed, persists and will continue to persist – because the ruling dispositions inherently look at science as something alien to their thinking, and apparently keep it on the backburner when it comes to planning the city and its utility services.

Take the "concept of footpaths" for instance. It is almost as if it does not exist in the mental spaces of the ministers, legislators or the bureaucrats. There is a failure in the basic understanding that lack of footpaths means pedestrians – including elders and children – being forced to walk on the roads meant for vehicle movement, where our motorists drive, ride or use their vehicles to display idiotic stunts.

On the part of the pedestrians, where does plain science and logic vanish when they walk on the roads with kids on the traffic side, exposing them to being run over by rash motorists, of which there is no dearth of?

Congestion on the roads is often blamed on the civic authorities. True, that in many cases science is lacking in road design. But however well they are planned – or not – the sheer lack of application of logic and a bit of basic science by the motorists is enough to cause congestion. Many motorists realise too late that matter cannot pass through matter. A vehicle cannot pass through another vehicle coming from the opposite direction. That is the reason they overtake other vehicles ahead of them (they understand science up till this point), get into the lane meant for traffic headed in the opposite direction (this is where they go dud on science), and end up creating a traffic jam when vehicles approaching in the opposite direction meet them face-to-face. That's when realisation dawns that matter cannot pass through matter. Simple science ignored, leading to noise pollution with a cacophony of shrill horns and exchange of abusive words.

Look at the new giant constructions around. They look impressive, comparable with similar structures in the West, glass facades and all – but without a thought to how these contribute to 'heat islands' in their respective neighbourhoods.

"Water crisis," people screamed till they went blue in their faces a few days ago. So where is a sincere pursuit of having rainwater harvesting systems installed to mitigate that problem?

Science pervades everything. We depend on it in medicine, engineering, information technology, sports...everything in our lives. Why then is it not applied to ensure safety of people on the roads? It's something that the government as well as we, the people, need to think about.

No anticipatory bail to Bhavani in kidnapping case

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The special court on Friday rejected the anticipatory bail petition filed by **Bhavani Revanna**, mother of rape accused MP Prajwal Revanna and wife of MLA HD Revanna. Bhavani too is an accused in the kidnapping case registered by the son of a victim of sexual assault at the KR Nagar police station in Mysuru district.

Referring to the statements of the victim, her sister and witnesses produced by the prosecution to corroborate the fact that Bhavani had played a specific overt role, Judge Santhosh Gajanan Bhat of the special court for MPs/MLAs said the prosecution made out a prima facie case in which Bhavani is not entitled to anticipatory bail. Referring to the materials produced by Special Public Prosecutor BN Jagadeesha, the court noted that the victim had run away from the farmhouse of accused No. 7 Rajagopal where she was confined and was threatened with death or grievous hurt to her son. This would indicate that the victim was abducted and kept under detention, the court said.

The accused Satish Babanna took her saying 'Revanna Sahebru' was calling, but reached Bhavani's house in KR Nagar where Bhavani hurled abuses at the victim and asked Satish to take her to a safe, secluded place. The victim gave a statement before the Magistrate under Section 164 of CrPC that she was detained at the farmhouse, it added. The materials also disclosed that Satish took away the victim's mobile phone and threw it away at the instance of Bhavani. The prosecution has invoked Section 120-B of IPC (conspiracy), which would be considered circumstantial evidence, and has made out a strong prima facie case, it said.

Tip of an iceberg: SPP

Quoting the SPP's arguments that this case is only the tip of an iceberg and there are several victims who would not come forward to file the complaint, the court observed that it should always balance the rights of the parties with that of a promise of a fair trial to the accused and complainant.

Auto-recorded conversations lands Bhavani in trouble?

Arguing that custodial interrogation of Bhavani is required, the SPP stated before the court that Bhavani was in continuous contact with accused Satish Babanna through the mobile of her driver and with the other accused Rajagopal in whose farmhouse the victim was confined. Rajagopal's mobile phone had auto-recorded the conversation and data has been retrieved, the SPP added.

PRAJWAL KEPT LS POLLS IN MIND TO TIME HIS RETURN

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EVEN as Hassan JDS MP Prajwal Revanna finally returned early on Friday morning, his going abroad and coming back seems to be a pre-planned strategy to save both JDS and its alliance partner BJP the embarrassment when the Lok Sabha elections were on.

Spending 34 days abroad and coming back only after official campaigning for all the Lok Sabha poll phases are over across the country on May 30 is an indication enough of this strategy, political analysts said.

He left for Germany on April 27 after casting his vote on April 26 in the second phase of polls, soon after the sex scandal allegedly involving him exploded. But he maintained that his trip abroad was planned much earlier.

His early return would have led to the SIT arresting him and the lengthy process would have further embarrassed both parties, a political analyst observed. That was the reason why his sympathisers asked him to stay back till campaigning for all Lok Sabha poll phases got over, though he had shown interest twice to return to India, a source said.

Meanwhile, the Congress leadership, including senior leader Rahul Gandhi, went hammer and tongs against Prajwal, dragging Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prajwal's grandfather HD Deve Gowda into the issue. CM Siddaramaaih wrote twice to the Prime Minister's Office to cancel the diplomatic passport of Prajwal, against whom the Interpol had already issued a blue corner notice.

MEA said it had initiated action to cancel his visa, while Deve Gowda issued a warning to Prajwal on May 23 to come back. Yet, Prajwal timed it to May 31 when the last phase of the polls is schedule for June 1. The results will be declared on June 4 when the political fortune of Prajwal too will be decided.

Prajwal returned as he was scared of arrest on foreign land: Prosecution

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IN the rape case allegedly involving Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna, who was arrested by the SIT at the Kempegowda International Airport on Friday, the prosecution argued that he returned only after an arrest warrant and blue corner notice were issued and as he feared arrest on a foreign land.

Additional Special Public Prosecutor Ashok Naik argued that the accused had spoilt the lives of many women, including maids who worked at his house, by raping and assaulting them. He fled the country as soon as his video went viral before the election. "Many women need to come forward and complain against him. The women are in fear as their husband could suspect them. He (Prajwal) has recorded his own video on his phone, which needs to be retrieved. He intentionally fled the country using a diplomatic passport," he argued, seeking Prajwal's police custody for 15 days.

Police deployed outside the SIT office in Bengaluru on Friday | HEWIN BYJU

Advocate Arun Kumar, representing Prajwal, contended that the complainant is not seen in any videos or photos, while the FIR mentions videos that are about four-and-a-half-years old. The complaint, filed on April 28, does not mention rape. A sexual harassment case was turned into a rape case. The victim's statement is not recorded as per Section 164 of CrPC. One-day custody is enough for questioning as the MP surrendered and is cooperating with the probe, he argued, adding that the SIT is probing the case for a month and 15-day police custody is not needed.The 42nd Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court Judge KN Shivakumar remanded Prajwal in police custody till June 6.

Not tortured by SIT officials, Prajwal tells court

When Prajwal was produced before the court, the judge asked his name, when he was arrested and whether SIT officials tortured him. He replied he was not tortured. But he complained about the unhygienic toilet and room facilities and no drinking water facility at the SIT office.

Prajwal stood in the courtroom for over two hours, wearing the same dress he had on him at the time of his arrest at the airport.

'Things moved easily at airport owing to diplomatic passport'

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Earlier, while he was being brought to the SIT office from the airport, Prajwal is said to have asked for his phone to talk to his advocates. But the police officers refused to give it. The SIT officers also took his two trolley bags into their custody. It is learnt that the SIT officers had a tough time questioning Prajwal as he did not cooperate with them. However, Prajwal's counsel Arun Kumar, who met him at the SIT office, told reporters that the MP responded to the questions.

Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara told reporters that Prajwal landed at the airport between 12.40 am and 12.50 am from Munich. "As there was an arrest warrant against him, the SIT took him into custody at the airport. Prajwal was later arrested after completing the legal formalities. Since he has a diplomatic passport, things moved easily at the airport," he said. Asked if the state government will appeal to more victims to come forward, Dr Parameshwara said, "We have already stated that those who have faced trouble from him should come forward and file complaints. We will provide them protection." On reports that Prajwal had destroyed evidence in his phone, the home minister said he was not aware of it. He hadn't heard anything about it from SIT, he added. Dr Parameshwara said if Prajwal was in the country, a police team could have been sent to secure him. But as he was abroad, there were certain procedures to be followed.

'He was escorted by women cops to instil confidence in victims'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

HASSAN MP Prajwal Revanna, who is facing sexual assault charges in three cases, was escorted to the Special Investigation Team (SIT) office only by women officers upon his arrest at the Kempegowda International Airport in the early hours of Friday.

Senior police officials told *TNIE* that while there is no specific protocol for assigning security duty in such cases, it is based on the particular needs of each situation. In this instance, the security duty was assigned to female police officers because Prajwal is facing rape charges. "This decision was made to emphasise accountability and show that the law is being upheld by those (women) who were reportedly affected, reinforcing the message that justice is being administered by women," the official said.

Senior woman police officers Suman D Pennekar and Seema Latkar and other women cops accompanied MP Prajwal Revanna | HEWIN BYJU

Security measures, including personnel allocation, vary based on the time, location and severity of the situation. When escorting a male accused, both male and women police officers can be assigned. However, for female accused individuals, only women police officers are permitted to conduct any investigative procedures, he explained.

The senior official highlighted that in this instance, it was intentionally delegated to senior woman police officers Suman D Pennekar and Seema Latkar, accompanied by additional female officials. "The senior women officers given with this responsibility demonstrate that women are resilient and adept at handling individuals who attempt to harass them," he said.

The senior officer further highlighted that this will also instil confidence in the victims that justice will be served, as part of the case is given to those (female officers) who understand the challenges women face in society.

With just a few days left for election results to be announced, a betting frenzy has gripped Tamil Nadu. Lakhs and crores, are at stake on potential outcomes. Bets are being put on individual candidates, number of seats for each party, which party would form the government and victory margins

● CM HAS TAKEN ROW SERIOUSLY: HM ● BEING FM, WHAT WERE YOU DOING: LOP TO CM

WILL NOT REFER CASE TO CBI: DR G

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara on Friday said that the State Government will not refer the case related to alleged irregularities in the Valmiki Development Corporation to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

Responding to a question on the Union Bank of India filing a formal complaint with the CBI seeking a thorough investigation into the alleged irregularities, Dr Parameshwara said, "There is a procedure that the CBI will intervene if it is a case of over Rs 100 crore (misappropriation), let us see it later."

The ongoing probe by the CID will reveal the extent of irregularities in the corporationk, he said. "On our own, we will not refer it to CBI," he said. Asked if two agencies would probe the case, the Home Minister said two agencies would not probe the case and in such a situation, the CID has to transfer the case (to CBI).

Dr Parameshwara said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has taken the case very seriously as it involves Rs 187 crore. The CM held a meeting with the officers and gave them some instructions, he said.

Meanwhile, the Opposition BJP is demanding Tribal Welfare Minister B Nagendra's resignation and a CBI probe. The BJP has accused the State Government of blaming the bank officials for covering up its mistakes.

ST Corpn scam: Govt in Catch-22 situation on sacking Nagendra

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Bengaluru

WITH the pressure mounting on Tribal Welfare Minister B Nagendra to resign over the suicide of Maharshi Valmiki Schedule Tribe Development Corporation (MVSTDC) Accounts Superintendent Chandrashekara P, the Congress government is now in a Catch-22 situation.

Within the government, there is a thinking that Nagendra's resignation should be sought immediately to save the government's face and reinduct him if he comes out clean after an SIT probe.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah met Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara to discuss this. But any decision is likely only after eliciting the opinions of party legislators at the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meeting on Sunday evening that has been convened to discuss the MLC polls. AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala too is expected to attend.

Any attempt to cover up the case or inaction would damage both the government and the party, political analysts observed. BJP is baying for the government's blood after the Rs 187.33 crore scam broke out where the money from MVSTDC has been transferred to a bank illegally. The opposition party is likely to raise the issue in the upcoming monsoon legislature session in June or July. It is taking the example of then RDPR minister KS Eshwarappa, who was forced to resign in 2022 after contractor Santhosh Patil committed suicide.

But Nagendra has reportedly told Siddaramaiah that he had not issued any instructions, even oral, to MVSTDC officers to transfer the money to the Union Bank of India branch illegally. "The CM met the Finance Department officials and additional chief secretary in this regard. A nine-member team had audited MVSTDC accounts. The fault is from the bank's side as it committed a mistake to help a businessman at the end of the financial year," an official from the government maintained.

The case has taken a new dimension with Union Bank of India filing a complaint with the Central Bureau of Investigation against the alleged fraudulent transactions in the MVSTDC accounts at its MG Road branch in Bengaluru.

"The Siddaramaiah-led Congress government is attempting to shift the blame for a Rs 187.33 crore scam onto the Union Bank of India for illegal money transfers in order to protect the accused minister B Nagendra in the multi-crore scam," the state BJP posted on 'X'. "The highly corrupt Congress government is attempting to obtain a clean chit for the minister through a preliminary CID investigation. In response, Union Bank has lodged a complaint with the CBI, expressing its readiness for an investigation into the illegal money transfers," it pointed out. It demanded that Siddaramaiah dismiss the minister, "implicated" in the misappropriation of funds allocated for Scheduled Tribes and refer the case to the CBI. "Moreover, we demand clarity on any personal gains you have obtained from such corrupt practices," the BJP taunted.

Another honest officer lost life under Cong govt: Ashoka

Shivamogga: "Honest officials in the state have turned anxious under the present Congress government. They are stifled and the government is hardly paying any attention to the misappropriation of funds in the ST corporation," alleged Leader of Opposition in Assembly R Ashoka here on Friday. He was talking to the media after visiting the family members of Superintendent of Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribe Corporation Ltd, Chandrashekharan, who committed suicide.

"Another honest officer lost his life under this Congress government. DK Ravi had committed suicide during the previous Siddaramaiah government. In the name of various 'bhagyas', the government is taking away the lives of honest officers," he alleged. "The amount from the ST corporation has been transferred to an IT company. The funds were reserved for the welfare of the Scheduled Tribe community. Why was it being transferred to an IT company," he questioned. He refused to believe that no minister was involved in the transfer of money. He asked Siddaramaiah, "Being a finance minister, what were you doing? How does it reflect on the state when the amount is transferred to another state?" He said Chandrashekharan was an honest officer and was awarded for his work. It was painful to know that his family had to take a loan to save Chandrashekharan's life when he was infected with the Coronavirus, he added. Demanding a CBI probe into the scam, Ashoka said the first wicket in this corruption case will go soon, and BJP will fight for it.

Bank for CBI investigation, suspends 3 of its officials

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"THE bank has declared the transactions in question as fraudulent after the irregularities came to light. To ensure a thorough investigation and swift identification of culprits, we have filed a formal complaint with the CBI. Additionally, three bank officials have been suspended, pending inquiry," a statement from the bank said.

Chandrashekaran, who was working as a superintendent at the corporation's head office in Bengaluru, committed suicide at his house in Shivamogga on May 26. In the note, he made serious allegations against his seniors and Tribal Welfare Minister N Nagendra over the fraudulent transfer of funds from the corporation's bank account to anonymous accounts.

Over Rs 85 crore from the corporation's account with the Union Bank of India, MG Road branch, Bengaluru, was allegedly transferred to some private accounts. The state government has suspended the corporation's managing director and an accountant, pending a departmental inquiry. The BJP, however, has sought a CBI probe into the alleged misappropriation of funds. Leaders of the party have also sought Nagendra's resignation. The corporation functions under his ministry.

FINANCIAL MESS

Contractor blames family, KRIDC before hanging self

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Davanagere

VARIOUS personal issues, besides non-payment of dues by Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (KRIDCL), led to the death of contractor PS Gowdar (50) in Santhebennur village of Davanagere district on May 26.

Gowdar reportedly hanged himself from the ceiling of his house. According to police, Gowdar's wife Vasantha Kumari lodged a complaint at Santhebennur police station, stating that before dying by suicide, Gowdar had left a death note in which he had alleged mental torture over money by his elder brother GS Nagaraj, and misappropriation of Rs 30-40 lakh of his money by another brother Srinivas.

She also claimed that the death note blamed Indumathi, wife of Srinivas, and Indumathi's father Chitrashekharappa, who were troubling him over a property, and forcing the family to live in distress. Gowdar also alleged that he was to receive Rs 5 lakh from KRIDCL, which had delayed releasing the amount for some time. She confirmed that the handwriting in the letter is her husband's, and requested police to conduct an investigation and initiate action against the people mentioned in it. On receiving Vasantha Kumari's complaint, police drew up charges under IPC Section 306 along with Section 34.

She alleged that a financial dispute between her husband and his brother Srinivas had led to a souring of their relationship. Even after several meetings and mediation, Srinivas had attacked Gowdar and the dispute was later settled in the presence of the elders of Santhebennur.

"On May 26, I went with my daughter, a Class 8 student at a private school in Channagiri, to our relatives' house in Chitradurga for a family function. Around 1pm, someone from my village called and informed me that my husband had hanged himself from the ceiling fan. We rushed back to Santhebennur, after which legal procedures were completed and the body was cremated," she said.

I am a big believer and devotee of Devi Rajarajeshwari, and I know that 'Shathrusamharapooja' is NOT performed in Rajarajeshwara temple. My words are being misconstrued, and so I would like to clarify that I was talking about this pooja being performed some 15kms away from Rajarajeshwari temple and in a private place...
- DK Shivakumar posted on X

No rituals targeting K'taka govt, ministers, says Kerala temple

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Kozhikode

THE temple authorities of Sri Rajarajeshwara temple, a revered Shiva temple in Taliparamba, Kannur, have refuted the claims made by Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar. Shivakumar alleged on Thursday that a ritual named "Shatru Bhairavi Yaga," which purportedly involves animal sacrifices, was performed at a temple in Kerala. He suggested that the ritual was targeted against him, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, and the Congress government of Karnataka.

Malabar Devasom Board Assistant Commissioner Gireesh Kumar addressed allegations regarding illegal rituals in temples within the Malabar region. He asserted that such claims are unfounded, and emphasised that no temples in the area engage in illegal practices. To substantiate this, a comprehensive report detailing the rituals conducted at the Sri Rajarajeshwara temple, as well as nearby temples, has been submitted. This report aims to refute the accusations made by the Karnataka minister, demonstrating the adherence of these temples to lawful and traditional practices. 'Shatru Samhara' Pooja is being carried out in most of the temples in Kerala, which is a simple pooja which requires no sacrifice, but it is limited to a simple recitation of mantras. The only sacrifice of a living being is conducted in 'Thiruvarkadu Bhagavathi Temple aka Madayi Kavu in Kannur, which conducts Kozhi Kalasham, which is a sacrifice of poultry for the goddess, but the rituals has no connection with the one claimed by Karnataka minister, he further pointed out.

Meanwhile, a special squad from Karnataka police have reached Kannur on Friday to investigate various rituals being carried out in the district.

BJP may pick Sumalatha to contest MLC elections

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

INCUMBENT Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambareesh, who did not contest the Lok Sabha elections this year, is likely to be among the three BJP nominees for the June 13 polls to elect 11 MLCs from the Assembly.

BJP sources told The New Indian Express that the high command has decided to pick Sumalatha after she "sacrificed" the Mandya seat to NDA candidate, HD Kumaraswamy. With 66 MLAs, the BJP can win three MLC posts.

Apart from Sumalatha, the names of party chief whip in the Council N Ravikumar and Prof Ma Nagaraj, who lost the Council polls from the West Teachers' constituency, have been cleared, added sources. Nagaraj had unsuccessfully contested against Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti when the latter was the JDS candidate. But in the last polls, he had sacrificed his seat to Horatti as the latter joined the BJP.

From 30 aspirants, state BJP president BY Vijayendra and former organisational general secretary Rajesh GV shortlisted nine names. The candidates include JC Madhuswamy, CT Ravi, Malavika Avinash, Geetha Vivekananda, and C Manjula.

Stalin likely to attend I.N.D.I.A bloc meet online

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

TAMIL Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin is likely to attend the meeting of the leaders of the INDIA bloc, which has been scheduled for Saturday morning in New Delhi, online. The party's Lok Sabha floor leader TR Baalu will attend the meeting in person on behalf of the party.

The meeting has been convened to discuss the next course of action after the results of the Lok Sabha elections on June 4.

According to DMK sources, to attend the meeting on behalf of the DMK the former union minister TR Baalu reached Delhi on Friday afternoon. They further added that Stalin had already requested the Congress to defer the meeting to June 2 to facilitate all the CMs of the INDIA bloc, including West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee, to attend.

However, the Congress leadership expressed their inability to defer the meeting due to other commitments and the interim bail of AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal's not getting extended. Hence, the meeting will take place as scheduled on June 1. The DMK leaders, who are very close to the party's leadership, revealed that Stalin would be one among the leaders attending the meeting online.

COUNTRY BLOWS HOT AND WET

A crow quenches its thirst from a tap in Chennai, as temperatures soar in parts of Tamil Nadu, while neighbouring Kerala receives Southwest monsoon rain. A vendor sets up shop in the middle of a flodded road in Kochi on Friday | PJAWAHAR/ A SANESH

Postal ballots: AP HC reserves verdict on plea on ECI's orders

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayawada

THE Andhra Pradesh High Court on Friday reserved its verdict on a petition filed by the YSRC, contesting the latest order issued by the Election Commission of India (ECI) on postal ballots. The High Court will deliver its verdict at 6 pm on Saturday.

In its order dated May 30, the ECI asked the election officers to consider postal ballots as valid even if the declaration form (Form 13 A) has only the attesting officer's signature and no name, designation or seal. The poll panel submitted to the High Court that its circular concerning the postal ballots was per its guidelines only.

On Friday, a division bench, comprising Justices M Kiranmayee and N Vijay, heard YSRC State general secretary L Appi Reddy's petition, contesting ECI's orders on postal ballots.

Appearing for the petitioner, Supreme Court advocate Abhishek Singhvi and senior advocate P Veera Reddy pointed out that 5.5 lakh votes were cast through the postal ballots in Andhra Pradesh, hence they play a crucial role in determining the winner and loser in the elections. They argued that the ECI's order is against the norms and that the poll panel has no right to amend the norms.

Contending that such amendments cannot be made through executive orders, they said the ECI's action in this regard is against the rules of conducting elections. They added that such an order, issued four days before the day of counting, raises several apprehensions. They asserted that when the ECI's orders are against norms, the Court has every right to intervene. Further, they urged the court to stay the ECI orders issued on May 30 and dismiss the same.

Appearing for the EC, senior advocate Avinash Desai submitted to the court that the poll panel's order is only applicable to the employees on election duty who availed postal ballots at the facilitation centres.

The attesting officer at those facilitation centres was appointed by the Returning Officer, hence the signature of the attending officer at those facilitation centres will suffice and there is no need for his name, designation, and seal, Desai argued.

Arguing for the TDP's implead petition, advocates Posani Venkateswaralu and Padiri Ravi Teja brought the Election Commission rules to the notice of the Court.

Shamanur hospitalised, doing fine

ENS @ Bengaluru

FORMER minister and Davanagere South MLA Dr Shamanur Shivashankarappa was admitted at SSIMS, Davangere, after he developed some health issues.

He was suffering from cough and pain in his legs, and was admitted to SSIMS hospital, Davangere. His condition is said have improved after treatment, but he was moved to a private hospital in Bengaluru.

While rumours about his health did the rounds, the All India Veerashaiva Mahasabha, in a statement clarified that their president was in hospital, but his health parameters are good, and there was nothing to worry.

Veerashaiva Mahasabha secretary Renuka Prasanna informed that Shivashankarappa was admitted to Sparsh Hospital in Bengaluru, and he was doing fine.

In a video, Shamanur responds to a question about his health and clarifies that he is doing fine.

He will turn 93 in about a fortnight. The Mahasabha had made preparations for his birthday celebrations on June 16.

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DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Section 13(2) & (3) of The Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002.

We hereby serve upon you this notice, the contents whereof you may kindly note: That you the Borrower along with Co-applicants/Mortgagors have approached and requested for grant of the credit facility from **M/s Varthana Finance Private Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "Company") (Formerly known as Thirumeni Finance Private Limited).** This Demand Notice issued on **21-05-2024,** the contents of which are being published herewith as per Sec.13(2) of the Act R/w Rule.3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, by way of alternative service upon the Borrower/ Co-Applicants/ Mortgagor No.3, for service of notice, since notices could not be served on the given addresses. At your request and instance, we granted you the following credit facilities (hereinafter collectively referred to as "credit facility"). The details are mentioned below.

Loan Account No: S19BLR-BLR-011910, U21BLR-BLR-018210 and U20BLR- BLR-015875 Sanctioned loan amount Rs.39,18,178/- Rs.7,44,454/- and Rs.5,53,000/- Total Liability as on 21-05-2024 : Rs. 29,22,287/- (With Contractual Rate Of Interest), Name & Address of Borrower, Co-Applicants & Mortgagors : 1. M/s. Adarsha English Higher Primary School, Represented by its Authorised Signatory, Kirugavalu, Kirugavalu Hobli, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya Dist, Karnataka - 571424. **2. M/s. Sree Adarsha Education Society,** Represented by its Authorised Signatory, Kirugavalu,Kirugavalu Hobli, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya Dist, Karnataka - 571424. **3. Mrs. Arundathi B,** W/o. Mr. Ravi Shankar M.G No.151, Mahadeshwara Layout, Behind Raghavendra Tiles Factory, Kanakpura, Karnataka - 562117. **4. Mr. Adarsha K.N**, S/o. Nagaraju C, No. 589, Near Bus Stand, Kirugavalu, Malavalli, Mandya Dist, Karnataka - 571424. **5. Mrs. Shakuntala B.** W/o. Nagaraju C, No. 589, Near Bus Stand, Kirugavalu, Malavalli, Mandya Dist, Karnataka - 571424.

That you availed of the above mentioned credit facilities from time to time and utilized the amount and Further, while availing the financial assistance you have given an undertaking for repayment of the said financial assistance in terms of the said agreement(s)/documents(s). You have also created a mortgage by way of Deposit of Title Deeds/ Registered Mortgages creating security interest in favor of the Company which is more fully described in below Schedule.

That you continued to enjoy the above credit facility, however, you became irregular and failed to maintain the financial discipline, despite our repeated request and reminders from the officers of the Company you have failed and neglected to repay the said dues/ outstanding liabilities.

The operation of and conduct of the above said credit facility has become irregular and the debt has been classified as Non-Performing assets (NPA) in accordance with directives/ guidelines relating to asset classifications issued by the Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by you in repayment of principal debt and interest thereon accordingly Loan Account has been classified as Non -Performing Asset on **11-05-2024.** and hereby recall the said loan / credit facility and call upon you to pay the entire outstanding balance together with interest and all sums payable by you under the said Agreement.

On account of defaults committed by you, you are jointly & severally liable to pay to us the total outstanding dues of Rs. 29,22,287/- as on 21-05-2024 with agreed contractual rate of interest, until the date of payment, together with incidental expenses, cost and other charges, thereon.

Under the circumstances, we hereby call upon you to repay the above said entire dues of **Rs. 29,22,287/- (Rupees Twenty-Nine Lakh Twenty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Seven Only)** as on 21-05-2024 together with future interest from 22 May, 2024 at contractual rate plus legal costs/charges thereon within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of this notice. If you fail to repay to the Company the aforesaid sum with further interest and incidental expenses, cost as stated above in terms of this notice U/Sec. 13(2) of the Act, the Company will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 and under other applicable provisions of the said Act.

You are also put on notice that in terms of Sub-section (13) of Section 13 you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed below without obtaining written consent of the Company.

This notice is without prejudice to the Company's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deems necessary under any other applicable provisions of Law to recover its legitimate dues.

If you have any representations to be made in response to this, please mark the same to the Authorized Officer, M/s Varthana Finance Pvt Ltd., Varasiddhi, 5BC-110, 3rd Floor, Service Road, 3rd Block, HRBR Layout, Bangalore- 560043.

Description of the Immovable Property (Secured Asset) Schedule 'A' Property: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Janjar/Property No.731 Measuring 3,745.35 Sq. Ft. Situated at Kirugavalu Village, Malavalli Taluk and bounded as follows: East by: Property of S Sudha w/o Late Basavaraju, North by: Property of Rajashekarappa S/o Late Hanumanthappa, West by: Panchavathi Road, South by: Property of K N Pashupathi and D Jagadish. **Schedule 'B' Property:** All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No.772 and village Panchayat Janjaru No. 1051 and Reg. Digital No. 152100301100201754, East to West (17.37+16.45)/2ft and North to South (27.43+13.71)/2 mts, Measuring 702.34 Sq. Mtr. situated at Kirugavalu Village and Hobli, Malavalli Taluk and bounded as; East By: Property belonging to Hotel Madappa, West By: Property belonging to Siddalingaswsamy, North By: Property belonging to Kunniah, South By: Road

Date : 01-06-2024, Place : Malavalli Taluk **Authorised Officer, Varthana Finance Private Limited**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, my client namely **Sri. GAJENDRA .R** S/o Ramappa, R/at: Choodasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengalur District, intends to PURCHASE the **"SCHEDULE PROPERTY"** from its owner namely **Sri. MUNIRAJU.K** S/o Dodda Kenchappa, R/at: No.48/25, New No.15, 1st Floor, 7th Main, 8th Cross, Venkatapura, Bengaluru-560034.

Any Person/s, Company, Firm, other Financial Institution/s, other Bank/s, Govt Agencies, agreement holders, power of attorney holders whomever claiming to have any right, title, interest in the schedule property or any part thereof, or objecting to such sale, in favour of my client should lodge their objections in writing with all supporting documentary evidence to the under signed within **FIFTEEN [15]** days from this publication, failing which my client will proceed to complete the sale formalities on the basis of that there are no encumbrances, claims, lien or charges whatsoever. After my client has purchased the scheduled property, if any one raises any objection on this purchase my client shall not be responsible for whatsoever.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the house property bearing **Site No.106,** as per Form No.9 & 11 SL No.1958, Assessment No:1958/106/52/53, Property No.106 measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 1200 Square feet, consisting of 8 Square ACC sheet house, situated at Choodasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, and same is bounded on the:

East by : Site No.105, West by : Site No.107, North by : Site No.139, South by : Road

Together with all easement rights, water courses and right of access, etc.

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Sl. No.	Item Category	Quantity (Nos)	Bid Number	Bid End Date
1	VEHICLE MOUNTED SUCTION cum JETTING MACHINE with WATER RECYCLING SYSTEM -HEAVY DUTY	1	GEM/2024/B/4975200	07-06-2024

(Sd/-), CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd.

Government of Karnataka
(Public Works Department)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PWD DIVISION BIDAR

NO: EE/PWD//DIVN/BDR/KKRDB/JE-5/ 2024-25/225 Date: 20.05.2024

INVITATION FOR TENDERS.

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, PWD Division Bidar invites Tenders from eligible Tenderers for the **WORK INDENT NO. PWD/2024-25/BD/RD /OW//WORK INDENT (General 10) 9455, 9989, 8916, 9528, 7141, 9074, 9959, 10709, 10658, and 10006. (SC Reserve 01) 10214. Amount put to tender for the works are Minimum Rs. 30.00 Lakhs & Maximum Rs. 447.47 Lakhs. Tender documents may be downloaded from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal of the Govt of Karnataka Viz. https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on 21.05.2024.** Tenders must be submitted through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal on or **before 16.00 hours on 04.06.2024.** Further any other information can be seen from the e-procure ment portal or can be had from the undersigned.

Note :- Turn over certificate Without UDI Number will not be considered.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
PWD Division Bidar.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

O/o. Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture,
Rajarajeshwari Nagar Zone, Bengaluru -560091

No: SADH/RRN/TENDER/03/2023-24 Dated: 31.05.2024

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) CALL-2

(SHORT TERM) (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
(Through GoK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (Rajarajeshwari Nagara), (Referred to as Employer in these documents) invites tenders to implement in accordance with KTPP fe Sout Rules - 2000, from eligible and experienced Agencies/Firms (Referred to as Tenderers in these documents) registered in Labour Department for Horticulture Maintenance of Burial Grounds as per standard tender document KW-1, KW-2.

S.N.	Name of the work
1	Maintenance of Burial Grounds in Yeshwanthpura Constituency. **Estimate Cost :** 36,85,632/- **EMD :** Rs. 73,713/-

Calendar of events: 1) Date of Notification : 31.05.2024. 2) Tender can be downloaded from : 03.06.2024 3) Pre Bid Meeting: 07.06.2024 at 11.30 AM 4)Tender Closing Date: 08.06.2024 at 4.30 PM. 5) Technical Bid Opening Date: 10.06.2024 at 11.30 PM 6) Financial Bid Opening Date : After Approval of Technical Bid.

Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (Rajarajeshwari Nagara)

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

CONSTRUCTION ORGANIZATION, ERNAKULAM JN

Sl No.	Tender No. & Date	Name of work	Tender Value (₹) in Lakhs	Bid Security (₹)
1	12-CE-CN-ERS-2024-OT dated 18/05/2024.	Earth work, minor bridges in Kumbalam and Turavur	2056.46	1178200/-
2	13-CE-CN-ERS-2024-OT dated 18/05/2024.	Construction of Bridge No. 2 Shoranur Jn-Vallathol Nagar.	4219.15	2259600/-

Completion Period: Sl No. 1 & 2 : 18 Months
Date and time of tender closing: Sl No. 1 & 2 : 14/06/2024.
Complete details and tender document will be available at **https://www.ireps.gov.in**

Chief Engineer/Construction
Ernakulam Jn

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Sale of Property EWS Category

Sale of Units (EWS category) valid for a period of 1 months for the project titled **"Secret Soil by Living Walls"**

Project	Secret Soil by Living Walls.
Location	Doddagubbi Village, Bidarahalli, Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore.
No of units	Residential Project – Completed and Sold – EWS – 8 Units.

NOTE:

- Intended parties to provide sale declaration form and income and asset certificate as issued by the Govt .of Karnataka.
- Only filled application along with the undersigned address of our legal counsel.
- Late/ delayed / imperfect/ incomplete application will be summerly rejected without any intention.
- Conversing in any form will be a disqualification.
- Correct Name, Address, Mobile Number, Email ID, Pin code to be mentioned.

Contact – Information to be provided to
V. J. Narayan Kumar
NK Law Associates- Advocates
Block I, # 12, Diamond District Apts. Off. Old Airport Road, Kodihalli, Bangalore-08
Ph: 080- 41477688, 9845077688. Mail ID- **vjnk@nklaws.com.**

ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ

ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ–562123, ದೂ.: 080–27722735, ಸಹಾಯವಾಣಿ: 080–27722135, Web : www.nelamangala.mrc.gov.in, Email : itstaff_ulb_nelamangala@yahoo.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ನಸನೆ/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ(ಎ)/ಟೆಂಡರ್/10/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 31.05.2024

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)

(ಸ್ಟಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ KW 1 & 2ರ & KG ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳಂತೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ)

ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ವಿಷಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ, 2020–21ನೇ, 2021–22ನೇ, 2022–23ನೇ ಹಾಗೂ 2023–24 ಸಾಲಿನ 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಯೋಜನೆಯ ವಿವಿಧ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಹಾಗೂ ನಗರಸಭೆ ನಿಧಿಯಡಿ ಬೀದಿ ನಾಯಿಗಳ ಸಂತಾನ ಹರಣ ಚಿಕಿತ್ಸೆ (ABC) ಮಾಡಿಸುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಒಟ್ಟು ಮೊತ್ತ **ರೂ: 280.01 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳ** ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಐಟಾಂವಾರು ಮತ್ತು ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನ ಏಕ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು.

ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: (As per KPPP Portal ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: (As per KPPP Portal) ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ನಗರಸಭೆಯ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಶಾಖೆಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು.

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ಶ್ರೀ ಮನುಕುಮಾರ್ ಹೆಚ್.ಎಂ.
(ಕೆ.ಎಂ.ಎ.ಎಸ್) ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು,
ನಗರಸಭೆ, ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ

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IDFC FIRST Bank Limited

(Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd) | CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: - KRM Towers, 7th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai- 600031. Tel : +91 44 4564 4000 | Fax: +91 44 4564 4022

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) as per column (ii) that the below described immovable properties as per column (iii) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 12-Jul-2024 as described hereunder, for the recovery of amount due to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd)** from Borrower (s) and Co-Borrower (s) as per column (i).

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on IDFC FIRST Bank **website i.e. www.idfcfirstbank.com.**

S. NO	(i) Demand Notice Date and Amount	(ii) Name of Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s)	(iii) MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS	(iv) Reserve Price Amount	(v) EMD Amount	(vi) Date and Time of Auction	(vii) Date and Time of EMD Auction	(viii) Date and time of Inspection	(ix) Authorized Officer Name & Contact Number
1	INR 6013516.41/- Demand Notice dated: 21-May-2022	**Manjunath B V, Chandrashekhar Vasudeva, Shilpa Chandrashekar & Sumithra B M**	All That Piece And Parcel Of Land Bearing BBMP Khata No.17, Old Site No.1, Assessment No.35/1, Measuring East To West: 24 Feet And North To South: 62 Feet, Formed In Land Bearing Survey No.35/1 Of Sanneguruvanahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently At 10Th Main, Kamakshiplaya, Vrushabhavathinagar, Bangalore, Comprising Of A Building Bounded On: East: Property Of Mr. Ningappa,West: Property Bearing No.2,North: Road & South: Property Of Mr. Muniyappa	**INR 7142400.00/-**	INR 714240.00/-	12-Jul-2024 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM	11-Jul-2024 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM	06-Jul-2024 1.00 PM to 4.00 PM	Name- Preeti Toshniwal Contact Number- 91-9694702013 Name- Samson Castelino Contact Number- 9663456354
2	INR 12008659.34/- Demand Notice dated: 24-May-2022	**Rajasekhar Singamsetty & Suma S R**	All That Piece And Parcel Of, The Residential Flat No. 206 (3Bhk) In 2Nd Floor, In The Residential Apartment Building Known As "Roshan Platinum Apartment", Having (1440.00 Sq. Ft Carpet Area), Super Built Up Area Of 2279.00 Sq. Ft, Property Constructed On Land Bearing Sy. No. 83/1, Measuring 1 Acre 06 Guntas And Sy.No. 83/2, Measuring 1 Acre 18 Guntas, Totally Measuring 2 Acres 24 Guntas, (Converted Vide Official Memorandum Dated 1-10-2010, Bearing No. Aln (Sb) Sr: 68/2010-11) Issued By The Special Debuty Commissioner), Bangalore, Now Said Property Comes Under The Limis Of Bbmp, Ward No. 193, Arekee Sub-Division, Present Municipal No. 1337, Bbmp Katha No. 1337/83/1/83/2, Situated At Arekare Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, And Bounded On The : East : Sy. No. 82 , West: Sy. No. 85 ,North: Sy. No. 84 & South: Road	**INR 16822750.00/-**	INR 1682275.00/-	12-Jul-2024 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM	11-Jul-2024 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM	06-Jul-2024 1.00 PM to 4.00 PM	Name- Preeti Toshniwal Contact Number- 91-9694702013 Name- Samson Castelino Contact Number- 9663456354

Disclaimer: Please note that the said notice is issued for sale of immovable property only and IDFC FIRST Bank Limited has no right to sale of the movable assets, if any, present at the immovable property.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd)

Date: 01.06.2024

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.24,26,01,310/- (Rupees Twenty Four Crore Twenty Six Lakh One Thousand Three Hundred and Ten only)** as on **14-02-2024** together with further interest to be charged from **15-02-2024** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. UFX Ventures Pvt. Ltd., No. 33/1, Wallajah Road, Chepauk, Chennai - 600002. Also At, M/s. UFX Ventures Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. 12, 13, 14, Rajiv Gandhi Salai (OMR), Egattur Village, Siruseri, Chennai - 603103. No.2) Mr. Usman Faheed, S/o. Usman Fayaz, No. 71, 1st Avenue, 1st Cross Street, Vettuvankeni, ECR Road, Chennai - 600041. No.3) Mrs. Samia Faheed, W/o. Usman Faheed, No. 71, 1st Avenue, 1st Cross Street, Vettuvankeni, ECR Road, Chennai - 600041. No.4) M/s. Gayatri Auto Services, No. 3, Padmanabha Nagar, Adayar, Chennai - 600020. No.5) Mrs. P. Dhanalakshmi, W/o. Late V.J. Prabhakar, No. 57, Muthaiah Street, Theynampet, Chennai - 600086. No.6) Mr. Usman Fayaz, S/o. Usman Pasha, No. 71, 1st Avenue, 1st Cross Street, Vettuvankeni, ECR Road, Chennai - 600041. No.7) Mrs. F. Zubetha Begum, W/o. Usman Fayaz, No. 71, 1st Avenue, 1st Cross Street, Vettuvankeni, ECR Road, Chennai - 600041. No.8) M/s. Smart Oils, 33/1, Wallajah Road, Chepauk, Chennai - 600002. No.9) M/s. UF Printers, No. 33/1, Wallajah Road, Chepauk, Chennai - 600002. No.10) M/s. UF Promoters Pvt. Ltd., No. 33/1, Wallajah Road, Chepauk, Chennai - 600002.**

Notes: 1) That our **038-Chennai - Triplicane Branch** has also extended financial assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR:501812080049182) dated **28-02-2019** requested by No.6 of you for which No.7 of you stood as Co-obligant and Nos. 1, 8, 9 & 10 of you stood as Guarantors for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 50,00,000/-** at a ROI of **11%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **27-12-2020** and the outstanding balance as on **14-02-2024** is **Rs. 79,69,179/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **15-02-2024** till the date of realization

2) That our **038-Chennai - Triplicane Branch** has also extended financial assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR:501812080059173) dated **26-12-2019** requested by No.3 of you for which No.2 of you stood as Co-obligant and Nos. 1, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 of you stood as Guarantors for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 80,00,000/-** at a ROI of **11%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **25-12-2020** and the outstanding balance as on **14-02-2024** is **Rs. 1,30,12,811/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **15-02-2024** till the date of realization

3) That our **038-Chennai - Triplicane Branch** has also extended financial assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR:501812080046591) dated **27-12-2018** requested by No. 8 of you represented by Nos. 3 & 6 of you as Partners for which Nos.3 & 6 of you stood as Co-obligants and Nos. 1, 8, 9 & 10 of you stood as Guarantors for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 75,00,000/-** at a ROI of **11%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **26-12-2020** and the outstanding balance as on **14-02-2024** is **Rs. 1,21,94,536/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **15-02-2024** till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A: (Property Owned by M/s. UFX Ventures Pvt. Ltd.)

Schedule - "A" Property: All that piece and parcel of the Site Bearing No.820, situated at 80 feet Road, VIII Block, Koramangala Extension, Bangalore (Corporation Ward No.67) measuring East to West 24.40 metres and North to South 15.25 Metres, Totally measuring 4,000 Sq.ft. along with a Commercial Complex constructed thereon comprising of Basement, Ground, First and Second Floors and bounded on the: East by - 80' Road, West by - Site No.823 and 824, North by - Site No.821, and South by - Site No.819. **Schedule - "AA" Property:** 29.85% undivided Share, Right, Title and interest in the Schedule "A" Property measuring about 1,194.12 Sq.ft., in an undivided State. **Schedule - "AAA" Property:** A Commercial Office Space bearing Unit No.2, Comprising of the entire First Floor of the Commercial Building house known as "GOLDEN HOUSE" constructed on the property described in Schedule - A with a Super Built up area of 3,254 Sq.ft (including proportionate Share in Common Areas) with a Car Park area Specifically ear marked.

Reserve Price: Rs.3,60,00,000/-
(Rupees Three Crore Sixty Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
24-06-2024	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Koramangala Branch,** 92, Z Square, Gound Floor, Jyothi Nivas College Road, Industrial Layout, 5th Block, Koramanagala, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560034. Telephone No.080-25630439, Cell No.9342874657.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale:

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Koramangala Branch, 92, Z Square, Ground Floor, Jyothi Nivas College Road, Industrial Layout, 5th Block, Koramanagala, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560034. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact: **Telephone No.080-25630439, Cell No.9342874657. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 30-05-2024 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

Bank of Baroda

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda
N R Road Branch(7410)
#1, Naaz Complex, 3rd Cross, N R Road, Bangalore, Karnataka-560002
Ph.: 080-22225364, E-Mail: vjnrro@bankofbaroda.co.in

NOTICE TO BORROWER

(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

'At your request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its **Bank of Baroda.** The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement/ documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular, the debts have been classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrowers in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by register AD calling upon you, was un-served/not acknowledged, this publication is now issued.

N R Road Branch (7410)

1.Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: 1. Mr. Neeraj Singh S/o Manoj Singh Flat No021, Andour Heights, Sector-71 Badshahpur, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001. **2. Mr. Neeraj Singh** S/o Manoj Singh Flat Bearing No C1101, 11th Floor, VENTO Block at "TIVOLI" Apartment, Seegehalli Village, Bidrahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore - 560067

Sl No	Nature and Type of Facility	Limit (Rs.) in lakhs	ROI	O/s as on 07/05/2024 (inclusive of interest up to 05/05/2024)
01	Housing Loan Account No 74100600001178	117.00	Presently 9.25% (BRLLR + Credit Spread 0.10% + Risk Premium 0.05)	Rs.1,19,49,120.30/- (Rupees one crore nineteen lakhs forty nine thousand one hundred and twenty and thirty paise only) plus further interest and charges

Security agreement with brief description of securities: Schedule A Property: All the piece and parcel of the land converted for agricultural non- residential purposes bearing Sy.No.118 (3 Acres) and 119 (1 Acre 15 Guntas), Totally measuring 4 acres 15 Guntas, bearing khata No.120/1 of Seegehalli Grama Panchayath, Situated in Seegehalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, bounded on: East by: 6th Block of Sy.No.118, West by: 3rd Block of Sy No.118, North by: Road, South by: Private land and remaining portion of Sy No.118.
Schedule B Property: Undivided Share, right, title and interest in the land in schedule A property to an extent of 679.40 Sq. feet, inclusive of proportionate undivided share right, title and interest in the common areas, internal pathways, internal roads, club house, swimming pool, Landscaping and other amenities and facilities in project Known as "TIVOLI" in schedule A Property.
Schedule C Property: Apartment bearing No C-1101 measuring 1830 Sq Feet of super built area consisting of three bedroom in Eleventh Floor of VENTO Block of building in the project known as "TIVOLI" constructed on schedule A Property with two covered car parking areas in the basement floors, Bounded on:- East by: Flat no.1102, West by: Open Space, North by: Corridor, South by: Open Space.

Amount Outstanding : Rs.1,19,49,120.30/- (Rupees one crore nineteen lakhs forty nine thousand one hundred and twenty and thirty paise only) plus further interest and charges
NPA Date : 04.05.2024 **Demand Date : 07.05.2024**

2.Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: 1. Mr. Amrish Maurya S/o Prakash Maurya Flat No.205, Celebrity Suite, Sector 23, Gurgaon, Haryana - 122007. **2. Mr. Amrish Maurya** S/o Prakash Maurya Flat Bearing No.508, 4th Floor, "HEBRON TOWERS" Bhattarahalli Village, Bidrahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore - 562129.

Sl No	Nature and Type of Facility	Limit (Rs.) in lakhs	ROI	O/s as on 07/05/2024 (inclusive of interest up to 05/05/2024)
01	Housing Loan Account No 74100600001450	80.00	Presently 8.65% (BRLLR + Credit Spread 0.55% + Risk Premium 0.05)	Rs.82,13,622.89/- (Rupees Eighty Two Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Two and Eighty Nine Paise) plus further interest and charges.
02	Home Suvidha Loan Account No 74100600001451	6.75	Presently 9.40% (BRLLR + SP 0.25)	Rs 6,93,949.30/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Nine and Thirty Paise Only) plus further interest and charges

Security agreement with brief description of securities: Schedule A Property: All that piece and parcel of vacant land bearing Sy No 31/1, now bearing BBMP Municipal No 147, Bhattarahalli measuring 1 acres 8 Guntas, Equivalent to 52,272 Sq Feet Situated at Bhattarahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, and bounded as follows:- East by: Remaining portion of the land in sy.no.31/1 belonging to Kantha D Patel, West by: Road, North By: Remaining lands in Sy.No.31/1 Belonging to Keshavalal madhava G patel, South by: Road.
Schedule B Property: 403.42 Sq Feet of undivided share right title and interest in the land bearing Sy.No.31/1, now bearing BBMP Municipal No.147, Situated at Bhattarahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East taluk, Bangalore measuring in all 1 acres 8 Guntas Equivalent to 52,272 Sq feet (4,858 Sq Mtrs).
Schedule C Property: Residential Apartment bearing No 508, Comprising of 2 BHK Situated on the fourth floor of "HEBRON TOWERS" to be constructed on the schedule A property with a super built up area of 1218 Sq Feet, with right to use one uncovered car parking space and the apartment and bounded as Fllows:- East by: Lift & Passage, West by: Private property, North by: Flat no.509, South by: Flat no.507.

Amount Outstanding : Rs. 89,07,572.19/- (Rupees Eighty

Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Kolar

E-procurement Short Term Tender Notification No:02/2024-25, Dated:30.05.2024

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department invites tender for the scheme of Jal Jeevan Mission(Functional household tap connection) 2024-25 of Kolar District, Item rate tenders by two cover system through e-procurement portal. Those who have registered in PWD/CPWD (Government of Karnataka) are eligible in participation of tendering for more details visit website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Last date for online submission of Bid is **15.06.2024 upto 17.30 hours.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division, Kolar

DIPR/KOLAR/RO:14/KSMCA/2024-25

UNION BANK OF INDIA

(A Government of India Undertaking)
JAYANAGAR BRANCH
#429/31, Ramakrishna Building, 30th Cross, 4th Block, Jayanagar.
E-Mail: ubin0537942@unionbankofindia.bank

POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable Property)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized Officer of the **Union Bank of India, Jayanagar Main Branch,** Bengaluru, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **19.03.2024** calling upon the Borrower: **Ms. Nandini C and Mr. Sandeep GS** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice i.e. **Rs.20,51,394/-** (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Four only) and interest & cost thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the Physical possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002 on this **28th day of May, 2024.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Union Bank of India, Jayanagar Main Branch** for an amount **Rs.20,51,394/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Four only)** and subsequent interest & cost thereon. Amount paid, if any, towards the dues shall be adjusted at the time of final payment in the account.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to the borrower to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSETS:

Schedule 'a' Property: All that part and parcel of residential building bearing Corporation No.12, 1st 'C' Main Road, Ganganagar Extension, Lakshmidevamma Block, Bangalore measuring 26385 sq ft and bounded by: East by: Private property, West by: 1 'C' Main Road, North by: 15 ft Road and private property, South by: Private property.

Schedule 'b' Property (Description of the Apartment): All that part and parcel of residential apartment bearing flat No.A-201, in the second floor A'block, in the apartment building known as "LAKSHMIDEVI ENCLAVE' constructed over the 'A' schedule property, assigned with new Muncipal Corporation No.12/14, presently coming under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, ward No.98. Ganganagar range. PID No.98-111-12/14 with super built up area of 690 sq ft along 299 sq ft of undivided right, title and interest and ownership in 'A' schedule property and bounded as follows: East: Vacant land of same apartment, West: Flat No.A-202, North by: Flat No.207, South by: Vacant land of same apartment.

Date: 28.05.2024 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengalore **Union Bank of India**

Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd

(FORMERLY KNOWN AS EQUITAS FINANCE LTD)
Registered Office : No.769, Spencer Plaza, 4th Floor, Phase-II, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600002.

DEMAND NOTICE - NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given that the following borrower/s have availed loan from Equitas Housing Finance Limited (EHFL) / Equitas Finance Limited (EFL) / Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd (ESFB). The said borrower/s had/have failed to pay Installments and their loan account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset as per the guidelines issued by RBI. The details of the secured immovable propert/ties, loan and the amounts outstanding as on date payable by the borrower/s are mentioned below. The borrower(s) and the public in general are informed that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer, the secured creditor has initiated action against the following borrower(s) under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and not to deal with the said property. on failure to repay the outstanding dues indicated against their names within 60 (Sixty) days of this notice, the undersigned will exercise any one or more of the powers under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, including power to take possession of the property/ies and sell the same.

SR NO	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)(NAME OF THE BRANCH)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)
1	**Branch : HSR LAYOUT L.No : SHERLYT0358108 Borrower: Mrs.Nasreen Taj Co – Borrower : Mr.Naseer Khan**	**23.05.2024 & 19,75,913**	All that piece an parcel of the residential property bearing site No 11, property/katha No 11/10, situated at Muslim Colony, Masjid Street, Deverjiveevanahalli Kasaba Hobli Bangalore North Taluk Bangalore District, Bangalore and measuring East to West 20 feet or 6.09 meters and North to South 40 feet or 12.19 meters Totally measuring 40X20 feet in all 800 Sq feet on feet in all measuring 800 Sq feet with and bounded on: North by: Site No 10, South by: Site No 12, East by: Road, West by: Muniamma's House. Measurement: measuring East West 20 feet or 6.09 meters and North to South 40 feet or 12.19 Meters, Totally Measuring 40X20 feet in all 800 sq feet on Feet in all measuring 800 Sq Feet. Situated within the Sub-registration District of Gandhinagara (Kachnayakanahalli) Bangalore and Registration District of Bangalore.

Date - 01.06.2024,Place - Bangalore **Authorized officer, Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd**

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SR NO	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)(NAME OF THE BRANCH)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)
1	**Branch : Channapatna L.No : SECNPTN0358469 Borrower: MRS. PRAMILA Co – Borrower : RAJU**	**07-03-2024 & 439234**	All the peace and parcel of the immovable Schedule Property No.152900102500500451 Katha No.463/103 Situated at Singarajipura Village, Singarajapura Grama panchayath, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara Measuring east to west 7.80 mtr (25.60 feet), north to south 21.80 mtr (71.50 feet), Total extent 170.04 sqmtr (1830 sqft) and House builtup area of 170.04 sqmtr do exists. North by : Property of Sannegowda, South by : Govt Road, East by : Property of Kumar s/o Venkategowda, West by : Govt. Oni. Measurement : east to west 7.80 mtr, north to south 21.80 mtr. Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of CHANNAPATNA and Registration District of RAMANAGARA

Date - 01.06.2024,Place - Ramanagara **Authorized officer, Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(Public Works Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Division: Yadgir.
GSTIN:29BLR002252F1DR

No.EE/PWD/Divn/YDG/TS-1/e-Tender/2024-25/281, Dated: 28.05.2024

Short Term e-Tender Notification

1) Details of works: On behalf of Governor of Karnataka as per KTPP Amendment 1999-2000 Act 2000 Standard Bid Document KW-1, 3 & 4 Karnataka Public Works Department invited item Rate Tender under KPPP Portal in Two Cover System from Eligible Agency/Contractors for following Works Under KKRDB (Plan) for the year 2022-23 & 2023-24 Work Indent Nos:-1)10824, (2)10884, (3)10797. **2) Amount Put to Tender:** Miminimum Rs 14.77 Lakhs and Maximum Rs.150.00 Lakhs **3) Contractor Eligible Details:** Class-IV & Above **4) Tender Procesing Fee and EMD Details:** Tender Fee, EMD & Period as per kppp portal, **5) Date & Time for of Pre-Bid Meeting:** 31.05.2024 (11.30 hrs Onwards)(for KW-4 Works Only) **6) Date & Time for receipt of queries:** 04.06.2024 (17.30 hrs) **7) Last Date & Time for submission of the tender in e-procurement portal:** 07.06.2024 (16.00 hrs) **8) Date & Time of Opening of the Tender/Technical Bid KW-3 & 4 :**10.06.2024 (11.00 hrs Onwards) **9) Date & Time of Opening of the Financial Bid KW-1. :** 10.06.2024 (11.00 hrs Onwards) **10) Date & Time of Opening of the Financial Bid KW-3 & 4 :** 12.06.2024 (11.30 hrs Onwards) **10) For More Details Contact:** Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division : Yadgir. **11) Website Address:** https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

NOTE: Any Corrections / Changes will be updated in the kppp Portal only

DIP/YDG/06/KSMC&A/2024-25

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division:Yadgir.

HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED
(A State Government Undertaking)

XTRACT OF STANDALONE UN-AUDITED RESULTS (LIMITED REVIEW) FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2023 (Rs. In Lakhs)

Sr. No.	Particulars	Qtr. Ending/ Current year ended (31.12.2023) (Un-Audited)	Corresponding Qtr. for the previous year ending 31.12.22 (Un-Audited)	Previous year ended (March, 2023) (Audited)
1.	Total Incomce from Operation	525787.59	639206.09	799092.05
2.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	(80,406.72)	781.10	(143,675.41)
3.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before Tax, (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	(80,406.72)	781.10	(143,675.41)
4.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after tax, (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	(80,406.72)	781.10	(143,675.41)
5.	Total Comprehensive income for the period [Comprising Porfit/ (loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)].	525,787.59	639,206.09	799,092.05
6.	Paid up Equity shares Capital (Face Value of Rs.100/- each)	882.23	8.82.23	882.23
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	(403,838.79)	(178,969.46)	(323,426.06)
8.	Securities Premium Account	-	-	-
9.	Net worth	(315,616.05)	(90,746.72)	(235,203.32)
10.	Paid up Debt Capital/ Outstanding Debt	600,971.41	604,648.40	613,285.69
11.	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-
12.	Debt Equity Ratio	6.81	6.85	6.95
13.	Earning Per Share (of Rs.100) each (for continuing and discontinued operations)-			
	1. Basic:-	(91.14)	0.88	(162.89)
	2. Diluted:-	-	0	-
14.	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	0	-
15.	Debenture Redemption Reserve	-	0	-
16.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	(0.13)	0.92	(0.45)
17.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	(0.32)	2.18	(1.01)

Notes:-

a The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly/ annual financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52 of the LODR Regulations. The full format of the quarterly/ annual financial results is available on the websites of the BSE and the listed entity at URL **(https://www.hpseb.in/irj/go/km/docs/internet/New_Website/ Pages/investorrelations.html)**

b For the other line items referred in regulation 52 (4) of the LODR Regulations, pertinent disclosures have been made to the BSE and can be accessed on the URL **(https://www.hpseb.in/irj/go/km/docs/internet/New_Website/Pages/investorrelations.html)**

c The above financial results have been duly appoved by the Board of Directors in their respective meeting held on 30.05.2024.

For and on Behalf of the Board of Directors
Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited
Anurag Chander Sharma, IAS
Director (Finance)
(DIN-10497922)

Place: Shimla
Date:-30.05.2024

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GENERAL PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that My Client Mrs.Mallika W/o Mr.Srinivas is purchasing the House property bearing No.154, Municipal No.154, (Old No.75), New PID No.60-78-154, Situted at 31st A Cross, Tilak Nagar, Pattabhirampagar, Ward No.670, 4th 'T' Hutting Colony Layout, formed by City Improvement Trust Board now Known as BDA Bangalore City, old PID No. 169-W0164-23, Measuring East to West : 20 feet and North to South : 25 feet totally measuring 500 Sq.feet. with 4(four) Squares of RCC Roofed building. From : Mrs.Asma Kauser Mohamed Jabbar represented by his GPA holder Mr.Suhail Pasha.M.J

If Any person having right, title, interest, or objection in the schedule property must notify the undersigned documentary proof, thereon Within 7 days of this publication filing which it shall be deemed that the schedule property is not encumbrance and my client shall be proceed within transaction.

DEEPA A.M, Advocate
K.L Associates, KAR/474/2012
No.6, 80 feet Road, Chandra Layout,
Bangalore 560040. Dated:31.05.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client K.Y. VENKATASWAMY REDDY, S/o late Yellappa Reddy, Aged about 64 years, R/a No. 181/1, Kudlu Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal taluk, Bangalore urban district has intended to purchase the property bearing 1) Sy. No:-25 measuring 02.17.00 acres situated at Deverahalli village, maralwadi hobli, Harohalli taluk, Ramanagara district 2) Sy. No:-26/3 measuring 00.16.00 guntas situated at Deverahalli village, maralwadi hobli, Harohalli taluk, Ramanagara district.

WHEREAS the aforementioned properties are the absolute properties of 1) PARAMESH S/o late Mahadevaiah, aged about 80 years, R/a Doddamaralwadi village, Maralwadi Hobli, Harohalli taluk, Ramanagara district and 2) M. UMASHANKAR S/o late Mahadevaiah, aged about 62 years, R/a Kodihalli village, Kodihalli hobli, Kanakapura taluk, Ramanagara district and **WHEREAS** the said persons are the true and lawful owners of the said properties vide MRH NO: - 33/2016-17.

WHEREAS my client K.Y. Venkataswamy Reddy has entered into agreement to sell dated 27/09/2023 as document No: - KNK-1-07625-2023-24 registered on 6/10/2023 in the office of sub-registrar Kanakapura with Paramesh and M. Umashankar in respect of the aforementioned properties for a valuable sale consideration.

WHEREAS my client hereby requests the general public that in case any person/s having any semblance of right, title or interest over the aforementioned properties are hereby requested/invited to either send or file their objections insofar as their right, title or interest over the said properties are concerned along with relevant documents within 7 days from the date of publication either to my client or to the address mentioned below or else the same shall be construed as no objections for the said sale transaction and my client shall proceed with the said sale transaction.

R. LOKESH, Advocate,
Having office at #27, opp to Sai Ram College, Somasundarapalaya Main Road, HSR 2nd Sector, Bengaluru-102. PH: 9845640787

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No. 10/1,11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore -560071.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	**1) M/S. Ritisha Wood Impact Proprietor Mr. M Johnson 2) Mr. M Johnson, Also At: M/S. Ritisha Wood Impact 3) Mrs. Sugandha S**	**Loan Account No. 30198648945079 Amount: Rs.23,50,000/-**	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the Vacant Property Bearing Site No.01(One), Khatha No.69/11/1, Formed in Assessment No.11, Situated at Lakshmipura Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, and bounded on the: **East by:** Property belongs to Mr. Rajan, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Property belongs to Mr. Mathkutty, **South by:** Site No.2. Measuring East to West 40 Feet, and North to South 30 Feet, in all measuring 1200 Square Feet	**Date of NPA: 05-12-2022 Demand Notice Date: 30-05-2024**	**Rs.9,78,557/-** (Rupees Nine Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Seven Only) **due as on 27-05-2024**

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/Co-Borrower's/Guarantor's/Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 01-06-2024, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
U R RAO SATELLITE CENTRE, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP
HAL Airport Road, Bangalore - 560 017 | (Phone : 080 25084177, 4184, 4156)
BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

Description	Details			
Name of work	Annual Contract for the Supply of Potable Water to CISF Quarters and Barracks at Thippasandra, Bengaluru.	Proposed civil works for installation of 3D Metal printer in MSA building at ISITE Campus, URSC, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560037.	Roof covering works for the terrace of Second floor, AITF2 building at ISITE Campus, URSC, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560037.	Proposed Civil Works at Various Areas at ISITE Campus, URSC, Marathahalli, Bengaluru – 560037.
E-Tender Notice	URSC/C&MG/C/TN/04/2024-25, dated:27.05.2024	URSC/C&MG/C/TN/05/2024-25, dated:27.05.2024	URSC/C&MG/C/TN/06/2024-25, dated:27.05.2024	URSC/C&MG/C/TN/07/2024-25, dated:27.05.2024
Estimated cost put to Tender	₹ 17.20 Lakhs	₹ 6.80 Lakhs	₹ 22.85 Lakhs	₹ 13.80 Lakhs
Tender Document Details	E-Tender		E-Tender	
Period of completion	TWELVE MONTHS	THREE MONTHS	THREE MONTHS	SIX MONTHS
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 34,400/- valid for 180 days	Rs. 13,600/- valid for 180 days	Rs. 45,700/- valid for 180 days	Rs. 27,600/- valid for 180 days
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	From 09.30 hrs on 29.05.2024 to 16.30 hrs on 07.06.2024		From 09.30 hrs on 30.05.2024 to 16.30 hrs on 10.06.2024	
Bid clarification	From 10.30 hrs on 30.05.2024 to 17.00 hrs on 10.06.2024		From 10.30 hrs on 31.05.2024 to 17.00 hrs on 11.06.2024	
Last date and time of reply to Bid clarification.	Up to 17.00 hrs. on 11.06.2024		Up to 17.00 hrs. on 12.06.2024	
Last date and time for receipt of tenders.	Up to 14.30 hrs. on 12.06.2024		Up to 14.30 hrs. on 13.06.2024	
Due date and time of opening of tenders.	14.30 hrs onwards on 12.06.2024		14.30 hrs onwards on 13.06.2024	

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**.

Sd/- Group Director (C&MG)

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E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction)of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and" AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number/s	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding Balance as on 24-05-2024	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last Date, Time & Place for Submission of Bid
1	33879420000081	1)Mrs. Aruna S 2) Mrs. Shanthamma C 3) Mr. Siddalingappa	12-05-2023	27-05-2024	Rs.20,78,882.10 (Rupees Twenty Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Two And Ten Paisa Only)	21-06-2024 Time 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM	Rs.22,50,000/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)	Rs.2,25,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only)	04-07-2024 @ 02:00 PM	03-07-2024 Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank, Head Office - The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No. 10/1,11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.
	DETAILS OF SECURED ASSETS: All that piece and parcel of the Residential Site property bearing No.223, Katha No. 842/25/223, ward No.05, Survey No.25, of Agrahar Village , Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet, Total Measuring 1200 Sq.Feet. **East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No.228, **North by:** Site No.224 South by: Site No.222 together 594 Sq.Ft ACC Sheet Roofing house thereon., Mud & Brick Wall, Red Oxide Flooring, Jungle Wood Doors and Windows having all civic amenities.									
2	45359630000254/ 45359410000359	1) Mr. Chandru S 2) Mrs. Neela M 3) Mrs. Mangalagowri M	26-12-2023	24-05-2024	Rs.6,41,775/- (Rupees Six Lakh Forty One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Five Only)	21.06.2024 Time 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM	Rs.11,52,000/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Only)	Rs.1,15,200/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Only)	04-07-2024 @ 02:00 PM	03-07-2024 Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank, Head Office - The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No. 10/1,11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.
	DETAILS OF SECURED ASSETS: All that piece and parcel for property bearing New Municipal Khatha No. 179/345/201, old Municipal Khatha No.201, measuring East to West 17 feet and North to South 43 feet totally measuring 731 Sq. Feet (out of 57 x 43), situated at Kottipura, Ramanagara Town, Ramanagara District, Ward No.23/1, and **bounded on: East by:** Remaining Portion of same number property, **West by:** House belongs to Nazeer, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Others Site.									

The properties are being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" & "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and the E-Auction will be conducted 'On Line'. The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider M/S. 4 Closureat the web portal **https://bankauctions.in** & **www.foreclosureindia.com**. For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **M/s. 4 Closure; Contact Mr. M Srinivasulru Contact Number: 8142000809. Email id: info@bankauctions.in/srinivas@bankauctions.in**. For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact Jana Small Finance Bank authorized officers **Mr. Ranjan Naik (9590858249), Mr. Umesh (8050149617) & Mrs. Syeda (7400445147).** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named borrowers/Guarantor's/Mortgagors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 01-06-2024, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

POSSESSION NOTICE

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1	**30198640002390, 30199660000074, 4538020000032730, 30199660003952 & 47519660000150**	**1. M/s. Unified Facility Services Private Limited** Represented by its Directors **Mr. Sudharshan V, Mrs. Rathna Sudharshan, 2. Mr. Sudharshan** Director **M/s. Unified Facility Services Private Limited** Also at..... **M/s. Unified Facility Services Private Limited, 3. Mrs. Rathna Sudharshan** Director of **M/s. Unified Facility Services Private Limited** Also at..... **M/s. Unified Facility Services Private Limited**	**09-01-2024 Rs.1,41,78,035.71 (Rupees One Crore Forty One Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Thirty Five And Seventy One Paisa Only)** as on 07-01-2024	**28-05-2024 01:45 P.M. Symbolic Possession**
	Description of the Property: SCHEDULE 'A' (DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY):- All that piece and parcel of the property bearing House No. 67, 1st Main Road, Adugodi Post, Lakkasandra Ward, Adugodi Village Survey No. 86/2, BegurHobli, Presently comes under BBMP, PID No. 63-86/2-67, Ward No. 63, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring East to West: 25 Feet, South to North: 44 Feet, totally Measuring 1100 Sq Feet and **Bounded on the: East by:** Remaining Property, **West by:** Property No.49, **North by:** 20 Feet Road **& South by:** Remaining Property.			
2	**34019420001675 & 34019430001474**	**1. Mrs. Megha P,** Also at... **M/s. Jayadevi Memorial Hospital 2. Mr. Arjun S Prakash 3. Mr. Y.C.Prakash**	**19-03-2024 Rs.30,58,069.10 (Rupees Thirty Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Sixty Nine and Ten Paisa Only) due as on 17-03-2024**	**29-05-2024 03:15 P.M. Symbolic Possession**
	Description of the Property: SCHEDULE 'A' (DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY):- All that piece and parcel of immovable property/building consisting of 14 HIG+42 MIG+84 LIG, residential apartments/in the multistoried building/Block constructed in the Residential Site bearing No.970/13, in the layout formed by the Karnataka Housing Board at Yelahanka New Town, Sector-A, having built up area of the building measuring East to West: 58 Meters and North to South: 48.93 Meters, total Extent: 2837.94 Sq. Meters. And area bounded on: East By: 6.00 Mtrs. Drive Way, **West by:** 6.00 Mtrs. Drive Way, **North by:** 6.00 Mtrs. Drive Way, **South by:** 6.00 Mtrs. Drive Way. **SCHEDULE "B":-** The Vendor having sold 1/140 i.e., (5587.00/13771.03)= 0.405 x 79.87=32.34 Square meters undivided interest in all of the above property to the purchaser. **SCHEDULE "C":-** All those premises being a Residential Apartment/Tenement bearing No.210/F2-LIG on the Second Floor constructed on the property described in Schedule "A" hereto (including one half portion in depth of the joints between the ceiling of the Apartment and floor of the apartment above it and internal wall and external wall between such levels). **Schedule of Tenement Referred to:** The boundary schedule of the apartment bearing No.210/F2-LIG on the Second **Floor is bounded on: East by:** Open to Sky, **West by:** Corridor, **North by:** Corridor, **South by:** Open to Sky. Containing 1 Hall, 2 Bedroom, 1 Kitchen, attached bath and toilet, 1 No. Utility of balcony approximately measuring 79.87 Sq.Mtrs. of super built up area and joint undivided interest/ownership in the common space, passages, pipes drains and staircase. And one covered car parking in the Ground Floor.			
3	**46989630000652**	**1. Mr. Manjunatha P 2. Mrs. Shobha M**	**06-03-2024 Rs.2,00,850/- (Rupees Two Lakh Eight Hundred Fifty Only)** due as on 04-03-2024	**29-05-2024 04:55 P.M. Symbolic Possession**
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4	**31889440000109 & 31889410000636**	**1. Mr. Suresh M** Prop. **M/s. G.M.Electricals,** Also at.... **M/s. G.M.Electricals, 2. Mrs. Vijayalakshmi MC**	**15-03-2024 Rs.10,45,400.64 (Rupees Ten Lakh Forty Five Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Four Paisa Only)** due as on 11-03-2024	**29-05-2024 01:40 P.M. Symbolic Possession**
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Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
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EDITORIAL

The EC has the duty to change the character of the Indian voter. It is criminal to underutilise one's powers that could advance a noble purpose

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— Ramnath Goenka

GDP GROWTH IMPRESSES, BUT RURAL DEMAND REMAINS A WORRY

INDIA'S economic growth seems to be going gangbusters. Ending nearly a decade-long wait, real GDP growth crossed the 8 percent mark, touching 8.2 percent in 2023-24. The last time it stood above 8 percent was in 2015-16. Provisional data released by the National Statistics Office also showed that the gross value added—net of subsidies and taxes, and hence considered a better measure of economic activity—grew by 7.2 percent. However, Q4 growth slowed to 7.8 percent, compared to the 8-plus percent registered in each of the previous three quarters. The last quarter's growth moderation was seen across industry and services sectors, and even in investments that held fort between April and December, 2023.

While the headline growth number is heartening, its components are not really flashing green. Agriculture and allied sector's dismal growth of 2.1 percent in 2023-24 is the most disappointing and, should monsoon play havoc, would not bode well for overall economy. While domestic investment demand remains resilient amid upbeat business and consumer sentiments, private and government consumption growth leave much to be desired. Consumption, the mainstay of national output, stood at a pale 4 percent, while government spending, playing the role of a relief pitcher since the pandemic, grew by a next-to-nothing 2 percent. On the supply side, the services sector too barely managed to grow in the last fiscal. In other words, 2023-24's high was not entirely due to stellar performance of sectors, but also due to lower subsidies and higher taxes.

So will the growth rate sustain this fiscal? Analysts do not think so and are pegging it to a more moderate 6.8 percent, considering geopolitical tensions, divergence of major central banks' monetary policies and other domestic and external factors. Even if strong corporate and bank balance sheets keep up investment appetite, it remains to be seen if the government continues its capex push. Both are essential to keep up momentum in sectors such as construction, steel and manufacturing. But above all, private consumption needs to show a proof of life and, for that, the rural economy needs an urgent recovery. Though high-frequency indicators such as two-wheelers sales saw improved performance in the second half of the fiscal, the slack in rural demand is present and real. The government should focus on improving the sources of rural income.

KERALA RAIN DAMAGE IS FOR LESSONS NOT LEARNT

KERALA is among the wettest states. Yet, when the rainy season starts, authorities are never prepared for the typically relentless downpour. Even before the onset of monsoon this year, the heavier-than-usual summer rainfall had cities, towns and villages flooded, and people had to be evacuated at many places. While rain-related damage has recurred in Kerala, the scale of destruction has been expanding over the last decade. That's why it becomes increasingly relevant to be prepared for both seasonal and unseasonal showers. The devastating 2018 floods and a near-repeat in 2019 showed Kerala's rainfall pattern is no longer predictable. It's then shocking that the concerned authorities choose to ignore their responsibility of preparing the land and the people for the consequences.

While the 2018 deluge claimed nearly 500 lives and rendered lakhs homeless, more than 125 people were killed in floods and landslides in 2019. In 2021, around 125 lives were lost in rain-related incidents, and 19 people died in incidents linked to pre-monsoon showers between May 19 and 30 this year. These numbers should serve as a stark reminder of how danger lurks every time it rains. Every past tragedy has a lesson, but the way people have been left to suffer shows the authorities have failed to learn any. This year, too, mandatory pre-monsoon works like cleaning drains and removing garbage from public places have been given a go-by. Accumulation of garbage and the shrinking capacity of drains are major factors contributing to urban flooding. Besides, there has not been sufficient progress in long-term flood mitigation projects, planned mainly as part of the post-2018 Rebuild Kerala initiatives.

More shocking, however, are the excuses offered for not doing the pre-monsoon checks. For example, Kochi mayor M Anilkumar said canal cleaning could not be completed on time as he was preoccupied with the Lok Sabha election. Earlier, minister M B Rajesh had offered a similar excuse for poor waste management over the last two months. The leaders are answerable to those they represent and their official responsibilities should take priority over political loyalties, as their lack of commitment to their duties could have serious consequences. Kerala must wake up to the reality of climate change and always be ready to deal with the consequences so as to minimise the damage.

QUICK TAKE

REMASTER, RE-RELEASE, REPEAT

A remastered version of Shyam Benegal's 1976 classic, *Manthan*, is being commercially re-released across India on June 1 and 2. Such efforts to bring our old masterpieces to newer audiences need to be supported. Last year, the Kolkata-based Satyajit Ray Film & Television Institute ran the country's first festival of restored films. We need them on commercial screens and OTT, too. It can cost almost ₹30 lakh to restore a 120-minute film. Only the National Film Archive and Film Heritage Foundation have been doing the work. They have been requesting for donations from individuals, companies and governments to fund such efforts. The time to step up is now.

Reforms are mostly incremental, rarely precipitative. But whoever wins on June 4, the new government will bring fresh fervour. We need to wait just a few days to know

BETWEEN BIG BANG AND STEADY STATE THEORIES OF CHANGE

BIBEK DEBROY

Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister

SOURAV ROY

BY an odd coincidence, this column appears on a fortuitous day. The last phase of a prolonged election cycle is finally going to be over.

Shyam Saran Negi died in 2022. Having voted in every election since 1951-52, and having cast the first vote then, he was a symbol for India's democracy. I haven't seen anyone sift through lists to determine the oldest voter in Lok Sabha 2024. (There are lists for Haryana, with the oldest male voter at 118 years and the oldest female voter at 117.)

Those who live in cities don't always appreciate the enormous task the Election Commission has to undertake with remote polling booths in Gir, Nagada village in Odisha, Malogam village in Arunachal, or Tashigang in Himachal. These are just a few examples.

Sokela Tayang is much more of a symbol for India's democracy than those who complain about the heat and the prolonged electoral process for not turning up. If you are wondering who she is—she is the only voter in Malogam, where poll officials trudged 39 km so that she could exercise her franchise for Arunachal East. I think those who write dreary op-eds about democracy's decay should try trekking 39 km. Might alter perspectives.

Today is fortuitous because we will know the trends of exit polls. Not that we will be necessarily wiser.

I did a straw poll of sorts, of sundry psephologists. Turns out they are a divided lot about the possible outcome on June 4. I did a straw poll of sorts, of sundry astrologers too. Turns out, they too are a divided lot about the possible outcome. All -logists—from psychologists to proctologists—are often a divided lot. Sometimes it is because of Sherlock Holmes's adage from A Scandal in Bohemia: "I have no data yet. It is a capital mistake to theorise before one has data. Insensibly one begins to twist facts to suit theories, instead of theories to suit facts."

Exit polls are prone to a similar culpability, other than issues of sample biases and faulty sample design, not to mention respondents being economical with the truth. Kenneth Arrow's celebrated possibility (impossibility) theorem from 1951 spun off an entirely new discipline known as collective choice or social choice. The problem was of aggregating individual (ordinal) preferences into social preferences. The possibility that individuals might not reveal their true preferences spun off an entirely new sub-discipline known as strategic voting. Thus, exit polls can err inadvertently, rather than advertently. However, errors often tend to average out.

This evening, exit polls will also have a distribution. There may be outlandish outliers, but some trends will be concentrated and therefore, more robust. At a simple level, there are three kinds of averages—mean, median and mode. (As an added complication, there are different types of mean.) There will be some modal trends. If one extrapolates on the basis of present psephology consensus, which does not mean unanimity, the prevalent wisdom is that the BJP-led NDA government will return to power. If that's the case, exit poll trends should vindicate the proposition.

Also, if that's the case, the new government and its policies will be a continuation of what was pursued in 2014 and 2019, with inevitable tweaking. Decades ago, there was some debate between the big bang and steady state theories. (I mean cosmology, not the US TV sitcom.) Today, there is consensus on some variant of the big bang. Borrowing that jargon, the expression 'big bang' reforms is occasionally in vogue. Those who argue for it don't always explain what they mean.

If I am trying to jump over a ditch, I can't take it in bits and pieces. It has to be one big bang or leap. But rarely in the development and governance realm will one come across something like that. The 1991 external sector reforms were a deviation, not the default template. Something like changing the special status of J&K (under Article 370) is also an exceptional example. In general, reforms are incremental and steady, unless an incoming government is different from the incumbent one and decides to reverse everything the incumbent government did. Wholesale reversal can indeed be a big bang and there are instances from the states. However, on June 4, the incoming government is likely to be no different from the incumbent.

I have often been asked, what will be the priorities of Modi 3.0? At one level, patience is a virtue. Why speculate when one won't have to wait that long? At another level, the question may be misguided, reflecting a value judgement that is *non sequitur*. Why should the priorities of Modi 3.0 be different from those of Modi 1.0 and 2.0? Is there a case that priorities of 1.0 and 2.0 were wrong? Clearly not.

One shouldn't be excessively unreasonable when reacting to such questions. Nor should one indulge in quibbling over words. Priority being different doesn't mean one thinks of completely new reform ideas. If ministers and bureaucrats have spent 10 years thinking over development and governance through Modi 1.0 and 2.0, it is unlikely something completely pristine will be discovered. Nor will the political economy of reforms and Union-state relations, which make change incremental and steady-state, alter overnight.

However, a new government, even if the incumbent and incoming are identical, brings a new sense of enthusiasm and fervour, with new ministers and bureaucrats. This is a trigger and opportunity for pushing agenda items that couldn't be pushed hard enough in 1.0 and 2.0. Priorities and tweaking mean no more than that. Reports have appeared about 100-day agendas being prepared (within government, some outside) in anticipation. Those should also be understood as no more than that.

A new government will be there for 1,825 days—1,826 with the leap year in 2028. It is not as if the new government will shake the world in the first 100 days and drift into slumber for the remaining 1,725. But yes, there will be the Union Budget for 2024-25 in the first 100 days, spelling out the government's intended trajectory till 2029, a period during which India is certain to become the third largest economy in the world. (It already is, under purchasing power parity.)

We have exit polls today. But soon, they too will exit and we will know the final outcomes. A matter of just a few days.

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ALL WE IMAGINE AS HEERAMANDI

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REVERSE SWING

WE have been through an interesting few days. Eager fans were lapping up the opulence of *mujra*-dancers in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's web series *Heeramandi*, even as the prime minister suggested that opposition parties may do a *mujra* to please their vote banks, while director Payal Kapadia went on to win a Grand Prix at the prestigious Cannes film festival. The three are connected in some way, to explain which I have to take you back to a moonlit night at Mumbai's Mahalaxmi Race Course decades ago.

We had just finished watching a non-descript movie about sugarcane farmers by Muzaffar Ali, *Aagaman*. But I preferred to quiz him on his previous two works—*Gaman*, his debut in 1978 on a worker from Uttar Pradesh who tries to become a taxi driver in what was then called Bombay, and then the much-acclaimed *Umrao Jaan* (1981) on the life of a *tawaif*-poetess set more than a century ago in the kingdom of Awadh.

"How did you make two films so apart in theme and time?" I asked the filmmaker. He replied, "To me, they are both the same story." Or something to that effect. It kind of dawned on me that he was not making factual documentaries, but painting stories of souls in search of something elusive. In that sense, both *Umrao Jaan* and *Heeramandi* have more in common than the obviousness of court dancers patronised by nawabs in their swirling, glitzy jewels and outfits.

Our prime minister has a way with words. When he spoke of *mujra* he might have been referring only to the popular dance form, and not using the term pejoratively to describe the women the British disparaged as mere 'nautch girls', or as an allusive reference to the rulers who patronised them. After all, only the other day, he clarified to an interviewer that when he spoke of Congress giving away tax money to "those who have too many children" his reference was not necessarily to minority Muslims, but also to poorer Hindus who are not comfortable with birth control.

Just as well. Elections are seen as a 'dance of democracy', and the *mujra* after all is only a dance form. But there is more to the *mujra* than a dance form.

We have to look beyond the obvious visuals and the lavish outfits to see the underlying messages of *Heeramandi*, set in Lahore in the pre-independence days. Bhansali portrays the *tawaifs* or courtesans as eloquent, well-trained women adept at poetry, aesthetics, fine manners and men, not necessarily in that order. But then they are also seekers of freedom, love and power in an unjust, male-dominated society. Beyond that, they also have contributed to the freedom struggle, as *Heeramandi* shows.

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Alamzeb from *Heeramandi* is, in a way, not very different from Sahibjaan from *Pakeezah* or Umrao Jaan. They are souls in search of something elusive. *Mujra* can be seen as an act of existential compulsion and a quest for better lives

Make no mistake, the *mujra* is not necessarily a negative description. There were other movies about dancer-courtesans that made waves before *Heeramandi*, of which at least two are noteworthy. Umrao Jaan portrayed Rekha as a poetess lost in a swirl of events and compulsions, much like the taxi driver in *Gaman*. *Pakeezah* made a social comment about how a noblewoman can be forced into the role of a courtesan in a cruel world. The cult song, '*Inhi logon ne le leena dupatta mera*' from the Meena Kumari-starrer, penned by Majrooh Sultarpuri, is a social anthem that explains how the *dupatta* or veil, a sign of respect, is removed by the rich and the powerful. In *Heeramandi*, Bhansali shows how even the so-called rich and powerful have their own quest for freedom, dignity and love.

Heeramandi, in a way, is much like *The Matrix* trilogy of movies set in the world of computer programmes and digital identities in a science-fiction package. As a critic wrote, *The Matrix* is a philosophical work that concerns ideas including "prophecy, love, truth, karma, the nature of reality, and living in a simulation." The *mujra*, by extension, is only what a lot of us do in the matrix of life, be it in the world of art, cinema, business or politics.

We can thus reverse-swing the *mujra* as an act of existential compulsion and quest for better lives. Talking of which, the Cannes award winner *All We Imagine As Light*, which I am yet to watch, is not much different from *Heeramandi*, *Umrao Jaan* or *Gaman* in its soul. Like *Gaman*, it is about the life of migrants in Mumbai, through the eyes of contemporary woman protagonists.

As a critic describes it, the movie is about "people on the breadline, those who are just about getting by, trying to hold onto their homes and their dignity as the city's wealthy elite buy up and bulldoze their properties".

In a fuzzy stream of consciousness, you may imagine the poetess-courtesan Alamzeb from *Heeramandi* as Umrao Jaan and then as Sahibjaan from *Pakeezah*. We can imagine all of them reborn as the three woman protagonists in the Cannes award winner. Or we can make a fresh movie on the theme, blending science fiction, reincarnation and dancer-politicians in a new plot. We can call it The Mujra Matrix, as we await the next moves in the dance of democracy.

The glitter of power and oddball speeches, like that of the women and diamonds in the evocatively titled *Heeramandi*, is stuff of both memes and musings.

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Irreparable damage

Ref: *Need to haste climate action as temps break records* (May 31). Despite Mother Earth's early warning that human-induced climatic change has inflicted irreparable damages, our policy makers' failed to anticipate an impending disaster like the ones that we are experiencing. Corrections need to be immediately initiated or life will be in peril sooner rather than later.
Bijumon P N, Idukki

Losing forests

Recently, we have been hearing about forest fires and other fire accidents caused by a surge in temperature. If this continues, we could lose a significant portion of our forests, which will further worsen the situation. If this temperature trend continues, we could break our own record high of 52.9°C in the upcoming years.
M Gokul Kannan, Palamedu

Comparing growth

Ref: *Clock ticking to reset base year for GDP calculations* (May 31). The article highlighted the need to revise the base year, as GDP plays an important role in knowing the status of economic growth and inflation. This will make it easier for the government to compare economic growth between years.
V K S Krishnan, Kumbakonam

Avoid exploitation

One should appreciate Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik for his cool-headedness and composure in his retort to the BJP, which made a mountain out of a molehill in connection with his health condition. It is natural for political leaders to have health setbacks in their political life. But the opposition exploiting the situation to capture power must be avoided.
R Sridharan, Chennai

Personal issue

I don't understand why PM Modi's visit to Kanyakumari for doing so-called Dhyaan is being hyped so much, as it is a personal issue. There are people who do Dhyaan three times a day for self improvement or getting peace of mind. Responsible media should devote time on burning issues.
Asha Chandrashekar, Bengaluru

Cong hypocrisy

The report about former PM Manmohan Singh appealing for votes to "protect the Constitution and defend democracy" exposes the hypocrisy of the Congress. During their rule of nearly 60 years, the Congress amended the Constitution 104 times, most of them for implementing their skewed agenda.
N V Sankaran, email

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
Is Modi aware of these concluding words of Swami Vivekananda at the final session of the World's Parliament of Religions in Chicago on 27 September 1893?

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
The people of Ghosi are ready to vote against the anti-reservation BJP and its selfish allies to teach them a lesson.

Jagat Prakash Nadda @JPNadda
Congress's decision to not participate in Exit Polls is an unequivocal confirmation that the Congress has conceded the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

CLIMATE CHANGE?

■ 10 killed, 5.5L hit in Assam & Manipur ■ IMD predicts dust storms over Raj, UP in next 3 days ■ Dry spell pushes mercury beyond 40°C in many places in hill state

Villagers near a damaged road after heavy rains in Nagaon district of Assam | PTI

Flood wreaks havoc in Assam, Manipur

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

TEN people have died so far and approximately 5.5 lakh people have been affected by floods in Assam and Manipur, even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi took stock of the situation on Friday.

The situation turned worse in Assam where six persons died on Friday, taking the toll to 10. The deaths were reported from Cachar (3), Hailakandi (2), and West Karbi Anglong (1). Three others died earlier in the storm post-cyclone Remal. Over 3.49 lakh people are affected in 11 districts such as Dhemaji, Dibrugarh, Nagaon, Hailakandi, Karbi Anglong, West Karbi Anglong, Dima Hasao, Karimganj, Cachar, Hojai, and Golaghat.

Authorities have set up 187 relief camps where over 28,000 people are sheltered.

The situation in Manipur slightly improved as the floodwaters started receding. Over 1.88 lakh people are affected by floods and landslides in Imphal East, Imphal West, Kangpokpi, Bishnupur, Noney, Churachandpur, Senapati, and Kakching districts.

Various agencies, engaged in rescue operations, evacuated over 18,000 people to safer locations. Authorities have opened 56 relief camps for the affected. In Meghalaya, two persons were killed in a landslide at Nongpriang village in Sohra in the early hours of Thursday. All four bodies were retrieved on Thursday and Friday.

Modi took stock of the situation in the Northeast states as well as West Bengal. "My thoughts and prayers are with all those who have been affected... The central government has assured all possible support to the states and is continuously monitoring the situation. Officials are working on the ground to assist those affected," Modi wrote on X.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah spoke with the chief ministers of the affected states in the Northeast and assured them of all possible help. He also briefed the PM on the situation.

28K people taking shelter at 187 relief camps

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As global temperatures rise, the trend of dust storms is also increasing, says IMD | PTI

Severe heatwave to trigger dust storms

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

EXTREME temperatures in the Northwest India have induced dust storms and may reduce the intensity of rainfall. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted dust storms over Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and adjoining regions in the next three days.

The IMD said that a dust storm is very likely over East Rajasthan from May 31 to June 3, over Uttar Pradesh on May 31 and June 1, and over West Rajasthan on June 1 and 2.

Rising temperatures have increased the probability of dust storms. For the past two weeks, the Northwest region of India, including Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, has turned into a frying pan as temperatures have risen to record levels. In places like Churu and Phalodi, temperatures have crossed 50°C, with other locations reportedly close to 50°C.

"As global temperatures rise, the trend of dust storms is also increasing," said Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director General of Meteorology at the IMD. "The current dust storms have emerged due to in-situ conditions," he added.

Weather conditions such as pressure gradients, internal heating, moisture conditions, and intensity without moisture are behind the convective activities that trigger dust storms. Dust storms mostly occur in April, May, and June. These conditions also induce the Loo—a hot wind accompanied by dust.

"The best we can do is monitor, record, and predict dust events," Mohapatra said.

It is easier to predict in-situ (local) convective conditions for dust storms rather than ex-situ phenomena (horizontal transfer), such as dust transfers from the Middle East to India. There are some global models to predict such dust storms.

The IMD observed that maximum temperatures were in the range of 45-48°C in many parts of Rajasthan, Haryana-Chandigarh-Delhi, and isolated pockets over Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, East Madhya Pradesh, and Vidarbha.

IMD issues clarification over incorrect temperature value

The IMD has issued a clarification regarding the recording of incorrect temperature values in Nagpur due to a failure of electronic sensors. It was reported that one station in Nagpur registered a maximum temperature of 56°C, and two other stations registered temperatures of 54.4°C and 52.2°C.

Smoke billows out after a fire broke out in a forest near residential area in Shimla | PTI

Over 1.3K wildfires in Himachal in 1 wk

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

IN the last seven days, 1,343 forest fires have been reported in Himachal Pradesh with an intense dry spell pushing the mercury beyond 40 degrees Celsius in several places, according to the Forest Survey of India. Maximum temperature in Una touched 46 degree C on Wednesday, surpassing the previous highest of 45.2 degree C recorded in 2013. Bilaspur sizzled at 44 degree C and Hamirpur at 43.7 degree C.

Forest officials said that nearly 100 forest fires have been reported in and around Shimla in last one week, posing threat to wildlife and human habitations. A major fire has been raging in Tara Devi forests in Shimla. Solan, Bilaspur, Mandi and Kangra districts also reported forest fires.

Officials said wildfires wreaked havoc in Kasauli, with residents of Rajindra Lines in the cantonment area vacating their houses. The fire that erupted in the town spread perilously to habitations, forcing defence authorities to direct residents to vacate their houses. The fire was brought under control after intense firefighting.

Another blaze took place near the Central Research Institute. Women and children were asked to vacate their houses and taken to the guest house till the fire was doused. Mashobra near the Government Senior Secondary School, new Kather area in Solan, and areas near Dharampur-Sanawar road, among other places, reported wildfires.

A forest department official said, "As pine trees begin to shed their needles from mid-April to May-end and temperatures go up, these trees turn highly combustible since they contain high resin content. Heaps of needles spread across the forests easily catch fire.

The other problem is the burning of waste by the people living in the vicinity of these forests. There are 2,026 forest beats in the hill state, of which 339 are very sensitive, 667 sensitive and 1,020 are less prone to forest fires.

Fire posing threat to wildlife and human habitations

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Probe into Rajkot gaming zone fire

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@Ahmedabad

THE Gujarat Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Friday initiated an inquiry into the officials linked to the May 25 Rajkot game zone fire tragedy, which claimed 27 lives, including children. The ACB conducted searches at the officials' homes and offices, seizing relevant documents.

The ACB stepped in to probe the fire incident after the Rajkot police arrested Town Planning Officer MD Sagathia, Assistant TPOs Mukesh Makwana and Gautam Joshi, and former Station Officer of the Kalavad Road Fire Station, Rohit Vigora. Joshi and Vigora are among the nine officials suspended after the government held them responsible for "gross negligence in allowing the game zone to operate without necessary approvals."

"The entire process has been kept secret, and the media will be informed after we find concrete evidence against the accused. Searches were conducted at offices and residential premises, and documents were also seized. I want to assure you that the ACB will not spare the guilty," said KH Gohil, the ACB's assistant director for the Rajkot region.

Meanwhile, the SIT questioned the fire officer in Gandhinagar. Sources disclosed that the Special Investigation Team's report on the incident has brought to light numerous loopholes and key issues concerning the police, Fire Department and municipality.

Amid stand-off, China beefs up offensive air capabilities along LAC eastern sector

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

After Doklam stand-off, China has been building up air force in Tibet

AMID the tensions between India and China, the Chinese air combat capabilities have been beefed up in the eastern sector of the Line of Actual Control. Satellite images shared by "All Source Analysis" show six J-20 fighters, China's most advanced stealth fighters, at the Shigatse dual-use airport. Shigatse is high-altitude Tibetan air base located less than 150 kilometres from India's boundary in Sikkim.

As per the All Source Analysis which works on geospatial intelligence, "Multiple (satellite) images indicate these aircraft (J-20s) arrived at the air base on May 27, preceded by the arrival of a Y-20 transport aircraft for the probable deployment of ground crew and support equipment. The J-20 aircraft are not known to be permanently based at Shigatse and deployments near the Indian border are a rare occurrence," said All Source Analysis.

The LAC has seen dense military deployment since May 2020 clashes between the PLA and the Indian Army soldiers, first reported by this newspaper. Both the countries have been working continuously to develop the overall infrastructure along the 3,488-km LAC.

The J-20 stealth fighters are China's most advanced operational fighter aircraft, said to be fifth generation twin engine stealth fighters. The Chinese PLA Air Force has been basing the J-20 in the Tibetan Autonomous Region but in lesser numbers and deeper towards the Chinese side. But Shigatse, where the Chinese stealth fighters have been based this time, is within 300 kilometres from the Indian Air Force's base in Hasimara in Bengal, where India bases it second squadron of 16 Rafales.

Sources said India has been mobilising its forces and equipment commensurate with the enemy moves. "Not only are our troops, along with their arms and equipment, are based for required operational surge, but IAF fighters have been assigned to the bases close to the LAC in such a way that they get airborne whoever the need comes, quickly." sources said.

Bitti Mohanty's plea for early release turned down

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

A vacation bench of the Supreme Court on Friday rejected rape convict **Bitti Hotra Mohanty**'s plea for early release but allowed him to surrender at Circle Jail in Cuttack, Odisha, provided Rajasthan government agrees to it.

Mohanty's conviction by a Sessions court and the Rajasthan High Court had been earlier affirmed by the same bench of Justices Sanjay Karol and Arvind Kumar. A convict in the German tourist rape case, Mohanty, who has been undergoing chemotherapy in Odisha, sought release after serving five years of his seven-year jail sentence.

His plea for release is based on the period he already served and his ongoing cancer treatment. Despite considering Mohanty's medical condition, the Supreme Court, however, dismissed his plea.

Mohanty's plea for early release from jail, was vehemently opposed by the Rajasthan government, represented by Shiv Mangal Sharma, Additional Advocate General, and senior Supreme Court lawyer, who highlighted in the court that Mohanty's involvement in the rape case, should be dealt with severity of the crime, as the victim was a foreign national and a step for a commitment to combating crimes against women.

On April 4, 2024, the Supreme Court upheld the Rajasthan High Court's verdict of a seven-year jail sentence for Mohanty, the son of Odisha's former DGP Bidya Bhushan Mohanty, for raping a German tourist in Alwar, Rajasthan, in 2006.

'Chintan Shivir' at IIM-Raipur focuses on 'Viksit Bharat, Viksit Chhattisgarh'

EJAZ KAISER @Raipur

CHHATTISGARH Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Friday inaugurated a 'Chintan Shivir' (Ideation camp) at the Indian Institute of Management—Raipur, focussing on ideas, viewpoints and strategies to develop India and the state besides the management for good governance.

According to Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog, B V R Subramanyam, the two-day camp is to engage in constructive discussions to make headway for 'Viksit Bharat, Viksit Chhattisgarh'.

In his inaugural address, the CEO focussed on 'Viksit Chhattisgarh: a vision for 10 years', saying the state is said to have the potential to contribute towards fulfilling the notion of 'Viksit Bharat' (developed India) too and can be a prime mover in that direction.

While elucidating as an expert on the idea of 'Viksit Bharat', Subramanyam discussed ways and strategies to execute the idea.

"During the last 10 years, India with its swift growth fuelled by key sectors has been surging ahead successfully to carve a niche for itself among the largest economy in the world under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi who has pledged to make India a developed nation by the year 2047. The Centre has shared the blueprint and its vision on how to go about it. There is a need to work in ways that Viksit Bharat brings prosperity to all", said the CEO.

Scale, speed & innovation

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Mirwaiz hopes for peace in Valley, offers prayer

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE Hurriyat Conference chairman and cleric **Mirwaiz Umar Farooq** in his first media talk after release from house detention said on Friday the Centre should relax its iron fist policy on Kashmir and adopt humane and realistic approach to find solution to Kashmir issue through dialogue.

"After four weeks, I was allowed to offer Friday prayers at Jamia Masjid. It is a unfortunate policy of the government that I don't know why I was in detention," Mirwaiz said after offering Friday payers.

Referring to Lok Sabha polls, Mirwaiz said that the new government is coming to New Delhi and "we hope that it will take initiatives that will lead to lasting peace and solution of the Kashmir issue".

Pitching for dialogue to resolve the Kashmir issue, he said, "Hurriyat Conference and its leadership believe that the Kashmir issue must be resolved through dialogue for everlasting peace in J&K".

"We faced attacks but we did not give up our principled stand. We hope that GoI will change its Kashmir policy and adopt a humanistic and realistic approach to move forward and hold dialogue," he said. Urging the GoI to relax its iron fist approach, Mirwaiz said the government should rethink its policy and release the youths, who have been jailed.

He said, "We are not afraid of FIRs. Our stand is clear. We don't want war. We want a peaceful resolution of the Kashmir issue. We don't want bloodshed and we hope that time has come to move forward and find a solution to the issue through dialogue," Mirwaiz said.

He said they don't want youth should again be consumed in the conflict. "We want the GoI and J&K government to show flexibility. We are not being allowed to move out freely. There should be no curbs on my movement and I should be allowed to carry out social, political and religious obligations".

Police to track bailed-out militants through GPS

In a first, the J&K police is keeping a watch on the undertrials allegedly involved in militancy and granted bail through GPS anklets. It allow the authorities to monitor the movement and track real time location of the person wearing the device to ensure that the person does not violate the bail conditions or jump the bail.

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	30	Mumbai	36	29
Bhopal	41	28	Panaji	32	29
Jaipur	41	29	Patna	40	28
Amritsar	44	27	Lucknow	42	30
Chennai	37	29	Port Blair	30	27
Kolkata	35	29	Imphal	31	21
Srinagar	26	11	Chandigarh	42	25

PROMINENT FACES

NARENDRA MODI BJP
VARANASI, UTTAR PRADESH

KANGANA RANAUT BJP
MANDI, HIMACHAL

ANURAG SINGH THAKUR BJP
HAMIRPUR, HIMACHAL

ABHISHEK BANERJEE TMC
DIAMOND HARBOUR, BENGAL

MANISH TEWARI Congress
CHANDIGARH

ANUPRIYA PATEL Apna Dal (Soneylal)
MIRZAPUR, UTTAR PRADESH

RK SINGH BJP
ARRAH, BIHAR

HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL SAD
BATHINDA, PUNJAB

SAYANI GHOSH TMC
JADAVPUR, BENGAL

TARANJIT SINGH SANDHU BJP
AMRITSAR, PUNJAB

PHASE SEVEN
57 SEATS

13
SPECIAL TRAINS
AND 8 HELICOPTER SORTIES DEPLOYED TO FERRY POLLING AND SECURITY PERSONNEL

199
CANDIDATES
IN THE FRAY IN THIS ROUND

151
CANDIDATES
WITH SERIOUS CRIMINAL CASES

10.06 CR
VOTERS
IN THE LAST PHASE

5.24 CR
MEN VOTERS

4.82 CR
WOMEN VOTERS

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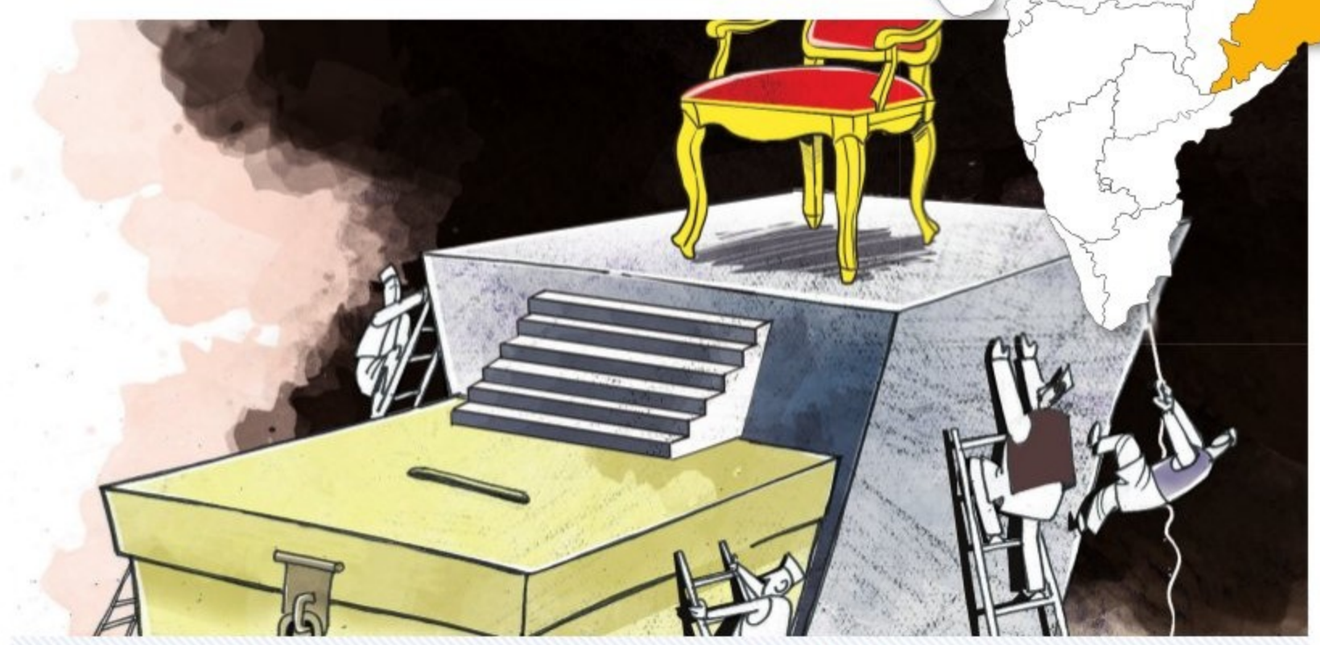
THIRD GENDER



ODISHA ■21 ■6
Over 99.61 lakh voters will decide the fate of 460 candidates in six Lok Sabha seats and 42 assembly segments in Odisha. A straight fight is expected between the ruling BJD and the opposition BJP in the coastal region, where voting will be held from 7 am to 6 pm in Mayurbhanj, Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Kendrapara and Jagatsinghpur. Sixty six candidates are in fray in the LS seats and 394 candidates will contest the assembly segments. A total of 50.88 lakh men, 48.72 lakh women and 687 transgender persons are eligible to cast their votes.

BIHAR ■40 ■8
More than 1.6 crore voters will decide the fate of 134 candidates when eight seats go to polls. Several high profile candidates are in the fray — Patna Sahib, which covers the state capital, Patliputra that comprises the rural outskirts, Arrah, Karakat, Jehanabad, Buxar, Nalanda and Jehanabad. Stakes are particularly high for the BJP as it seeks to retain five of these seats, which made up for more than a quarter of its state-wide tally of 17. Union minister RK Singh is aiming at a hat-trick from Arrah, where his principal challenger is CPI(ML) MLA Sudama Prasad.

CHANDIGARH ■1 ■1
In Chandigarh, BJP candidate Sanjay Tandon is pitted against Congress nominee and former Union minister Manish Tewari. As many as 19 candidates, including two women, are fighting the poll in Chandigarh. It is for the first time that the Congress is fighting the polls in Chandigarh in an alliance with the AAP. The BJP and the SAD are not in alliance this time. There are 6,59,805 voters — 3,18,226 women and 35 third gender.

PUNJAB
■13 ■13
Punjab is witnessing a multi-cornered contest in all the 13 Lok Sabha seats. The INDIA bloc allies — Congress and AAP — are contesting the polls separately while the BJP and SAD are fighting on their own for the first time since 1996. Besides these parties, SAD (A) and the BSP have also fielded their candidates. Among the prominent faces, BJP nominee and four-time MP Preneet Kaur is seeking reelection from the Patiala seat. Three-time MP and SAD's Harsimrat Kaur Badal and BJP's Parampal Kaur Sidhu, a former IAS officer, are trying their luck from Bathinda while former CM and Congress candidate Channi and BJP's Sushil Rinku are in fray from Jalandhar.

HIMACHAL PRADESH
■4 ■4
Thirty-seven candidates are in fray for four LS seats and 25 nominees will contest six assembly bypolls in Himachal Pradesh on June 1. The high-pitched campaign in the hill state, filled with rancour and insinuations, ended with two rallies of UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath at Badsar and Mandi and a roadshow of Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra at Solan on Thursday. Due to the assembly bypolls, local issues dominated the campaigning. BJP's Mandi LS candidate Kangna Ranaut and Congress' Vikramaditya Singh hogged the limelight due to their controversial remarks.

WEST BENGAL
■42 ■9
South Bengal, a traditional TMC stronghold, faces a significant electoral battle testing the party's dominance amid an 'old versus new' power struggle, with the national spotlight on Sandeshkhali in Basirhat due to allegations of atrocities on women and land grabs. The final phase will cover Dum Dum, Barasat, Basirhat, Jayanagar, Mathurapur, Diamond Harbour, Jadavpur, Kolkata Dakshin, and Kolkata Uttar, where the TMC secured win in 2019. The results in the 9 seats will be a key for TMC, seeking to maintain its grip amidst challenges from the BJP and the Left-Congress alliance.

JHARKHAND
■14 ■3
Over 53.23 lakh voters will cast their votes to choose from 52 candidates in three LS seats in the Santhal Pargana region of Jharkhand. Nineteen candidates each are in fray in Dumka and Godda, while Rajmahal has 14 contestants. In Dumka, BJP candidate Sita Soren will lock horns with INDIA bloc's Nalin Soren. Rajmahal will see a triangular fight as JMM's Borio legislator Lobin Hembrom is contesting the seat as an Independent candidate against sitting JMM MP Vijay Hansdak. Godda is set for a direct fight between the BJP's three-time MP Nishikant Dubey and Congress's Pradip Yadav.

UTTAR PRADESH
■80 ■13
Along with 13 LS seats, bypoll for the Duddhi (ST) assembly seat in Sonbhadra district will also be held on Saturday. UP will see a direct contest between the NDA and INDIA bloc members SP and Congress. Besides Modi, who is a seeking a third term from Varanasi, there are 143 candidates in fray. Among the prominent seats are Varanasi, Gorakhpur, Chandauli, Maharajganj and Mirzapur (from where Union ministers Mahendra Nath Pandey, Pankaj Chaudhary and Anupriya Patel are contesting), Ghazipur where the late Mukhtar Ansari's brother is in fray and Ballia where former PM Chandrashekhar's son Neeraj Shekhar is fielded.

INDIA bloc meet to discuss June 4 prep

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AS the seventh and final phase of the Lok Sabha elections concludes on Saturday, top leaders of Opposition alliance INDIA bloc will hold a meeting in the afternoon, according to Congress sources.

According to a senior Congress leader, the meeting has been convened to discuss the preparations for the counting day on June 4 and the need for the alliance's leaders and workers to stay alert.

"The meeting will be about the counting day preparations and to keep vigilant about Form 17C," said a leader.

On May 22, the Congress had raised concerns over the huge gap between the real-time voter turnout data and the final figures released by the Election Commission. Calling it "unprecedented", Congress leader Pawan Khera said the difference is around 1.7 crore votes.

On the final day of campaigning on Thursday, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi shared a video on X, urging party supporters to keep a keen eye on polling booths and strong rooms "till the last moment".

On Thursday, Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge said that the INDIA bloc meeting is being held for "our own sake", to train people and to give them information.

"This is an informal meeting. We will only discuss what kind of preparation we should have on the day of counting and how our people should be alert, whether it is about EVMs or the Form 17C is used... Just for our own sake, we are holding this meeting to train our people and to give them information," he said.

Congress general secretary (organisation) KC Venugopal too said the meeting is called to discuss the counting preparations. He said the party has told its state units to be alert about Form 17C.

"Therefore, we have to have a review on that day about the Form 17C collections and the counting day preparations. Nothing else is going to be discussed. We have informed major political party leaders for all," he said.

Meanwhile, Trinamool Congress chief and West Bengal Mamata Banerjee has already said she will not attend the meeting on June 1 due to the scheduled Lok Sabha elections and post cyclone relief work. The Congress leadership too defended Banerjee, saying that she is busy with the polls.

The Congress on Friday exuded confidence that the Opposition alliance will get a "clear and decisive" mandate on June 4, when the results of the Lok Sabha polls are announced and claimed that many NDA constituents will be queuing up to join the INDIA bloc.

Addressing the media, AICC general secretary Jairam Ramesh claimed that his party would have a strong performance in Rajasthan, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Telangana, in which it had been wiped out in the 2019 polls.

CONG, BJP SPAR OVER EXIT POLL DEBATES

The Congress has decided to refrain from TV debates on the exit polls, saying it does not want to indulge in speculation and slugfest for TRP. In a statement, Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera said, "The results will be out on June 4. Prior to that, we do not see any reason to indulge in speculation and slugfest for TRP." Home Minister Amit Shah said that the Congress has all along been claiming that they are going to win the elections, but when the exit polls are going to be out they are boycotting the exercise saying that it is meaningless. "Exit polls are taking place for a long time and they have also been taking part in that. This time they are not able to explain the reason for their imminent failure in the election, hence they are boycotting it now," Shah said. BJP chief JP Nadda also criticised the Congress decision.

Daughters-in-law fight it out for Shibu legacy in Santhal Parganas

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

AS the three Lok Sabha seats in Santhal Parganas gear up to go to the polls on Saturday, the reputation of two daughters-in-law of JMM patriarch Shibu Soren — Sita Soren and Kalpana Soren — is at stake.

While the BJP seems to be making all-out efforts to make a dent in JMM's bastion, the latter continues to grapple with its force being weakened after the arrest of former CM Hemant Soren by the Enforcement Directorate.

This is the first time JMM has fielded someone outside the Soren family from Dumka — Nalin Soren. Shibu Soren's daughter-in-law, Sita Soren, is contesting against the JMM from a BJP ticket. The entry of Sita Soren, who switched allegiance from JMM to BJP as the candidate for Dumka, has added intensity to the race.

Kalpana Soren

Sita Soren

Even though Nalin Soren is contesting from Dumka, the actual contest is between the two daughters-in-law.

Kalpana Soren, wife of former Chief Minister Hemant Soren, who apparently has taken charge of the party in absence of her husband, was the star campaigner and has addressed more than 15 poll rallies only in Santhal Pargana, whereas state BJP president Babulal Marandi also camped there continuously seeking votes for the three BJP candidates — Sita Soren from Dumka, Nishikant Dubey from Godda and Tala Marandi from Rajmahal.

It was in Dumka that Babulal Marandi defeated Shibu Soren in 1998 and 1999 to establish himself as a tribal leader in Santhal Pargana. Hence, his prestige is at stake too.

The BJP aims to maintain its hold on the two seats — Godda and Dumka — which it secured in the 2019 general elections. However, losing the Rajmahal seat to the JMM has put pressure on the BJP to reclaim its position.

PRESSING MATTER

'Khaike Paan Banaras Wala': When regulation on gutkha finds resonance

ANURAAG SINGH @ Varanasi

FOR generations, Banarasi paan has been among the products defining the unique identity of Banaras, which also inspired the song 'Khaike Paan Banaras Wala' of Bollywood movie 'Don'. At Varanasi's Naya Paan Dariba, a wholesale market of paan (betel plant leaves), business is experiencing a decline, particularly owing to rising popularity of cheaper gutkha pouches.

Vijay Kumar Chaurasia, 70, quit his job at the Railways Cancer Hospital in Varanasi in 1976 to join his family business of selling paan at Naya Paan Dariba. Nearly five decades later, the business, which brought prosperity to his family, has now turned into a burden.

"The youth prefer three pouches of gutkha for just ₹7.50 instead of relishing a paan priced between ₹8 and ₹10. I used to sell paan worth ₹1,000-2,000 daily. But I sold paan worth only ₹10 yesterday. No business has forced me to rely on free ration given under Garib Kalyan Yojana," said Chaurasia.

"We voted for Modi in the last two elections. But if the gutkha sale isn't regulated by the Modi and Yogi governments, we'll have to look for alternative option, if not in this election, then surely in future," he said.

Rajesh Chaurasia, a paan wholesaler, added, "Apart from the rising sale of cheaper gutkha, emergence of smaller markets elsewhere in UP too has hit our business."

Kanhaiya Lal Chaurasia said, "Paan isn't produced in Banaras, it comes from eastern states. It's heated and cooked here, after which all kinds of paan become Banarasi paan. Workers from Odisha helped us in heating and cooking paans for long. Now many of them have started the same business in Odisha and are supplying paan directly to our clients in cities like Delhi and Mumbai, ultimately hitting our exports to Bangladesh and Pakistan."

Famous Varanasi saree back in poll lexicon

Children donning BJP scarves at a roadside tea shop in Varanasi, PM's constituency

ANURAAG SINGH @ Varanasi

THE BJP is banking on the infrastructural development in Varanasi Lok Sabha constituency, besides the Centre's welfare schemes and Ram temple, to increase the winning margin of second-time MP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which was 4.79 lakh in 2019.

INDIA bloc candidate Ajay Rai is hoping to cash in on possible consolidation of around 5.5 lakh Muslim, Yadav and Bhumihar votes. He is confident of getting the support of around 2.5 lakh Muslim voters not because of their opposition to BJP but also due to the resentment among Banarasi saree weavers and associated big traders.

"After Covid, growth in tourism revived silk products, including saree business, in the city. But the recent 45 days' payment rule for the MSME sector has hit the industry. Our finished products worth crores have been returned to us by big buyers from major cities, as they are unable to comply with that rule," said Imran Matin, who represents the third generation of the President awardee master weaver family in Peeli Kothi area of Varanasi. "Also inflated electricity bills of the looms have crippled weaving of sarees. A large population of Muslims have decided to vote for Ajay Rai and not BSP's Athar Jamal Lari for defeating BJP," he said.

But another silk industry player, Anupam Agrawal, thinks otherwise. "We agree that the new payment rule has hurt our business interests, but finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman has hinted at reconsidering it in the coming budget. It's not just what our business needs, but what our city and country needs. We'll not only vote for PM Modi, but also are mobilising support to increase winning margin to continue the growth story in our city."

Another key issue that may see some people from the BJP-loyalist Kurmi (Patel) OBC caste shifting support to the INDIA candidate is acquisition of farmers' land for the Transport Nagar project in Mohansarai area. "We've been voting for two decades for BJP and PM Modi has been our pride, but if our land is snatched away in the name of development, we will think twice before deciding our choice," said Lachminiya Patel in Rohania.

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IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU

O.S. No. 8 / 1939 (CCH-1)

BETWEEN :- 1. V. MARAPPA, Aged about 50 years, S/o. Venkataramanappa, No.5, Robertson Road, C & M Station, Bangalore.
2. T.B. BORAJANNA, Aged 49 years, S/o.Boranna, Landlord, No.10, Spencer Road, C & M Station, Bangalore.
3. M. GOPALAPPA, Aged 55 years, S/o. Muniyappa, Landlord, No.11, Veeranna Garden, Cleveland Town, C & M Station, Bangalore. **...PLAINTIFFS**

V/s

1. SANKERSEN RAMANUJA DASS, Thulasi Ramdass Mutt, Cleveland Town, Bangalore
2. M. RANGASWAMY DASS, Resident of Mulbagal, Kolar District
3. M.V. SENAPATHY CHETTY, No.13, 'F' Street, Cleveland Town, Bangalore.
4. M.MARA CHETTY, Muthukarapanapelya, C & M Station, Bangalore. **...DEFENDANTS**
1. Sri.S.CHANDRASHEKAR, Aged about 60 years, Son of Sri.S.Ramachandra,
2. SRI.B.N.KRISHNAMURTHY, S/o. Late. B.N. Reddy, Aged about 72 years, R/at No.20, Buddha Vihar Road, Cox Town, Bengaluru - 560 005.
3. SRI.V.VENUGOPAL, S/o Late A.V. Venkatesh, Aged about 59 years, R/at No.5, Thulasiramdoss Mutt Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru - 560 005.
4. Sri.K.RAMAKRISHNA, Aged about 50 years, Son of Sri.C.Kannaiah,
5. SRI.V.DURGA PRASAD, S/o Late S. Venkateshloo, Aged about 48 years, R/at No.30, Ganesha Temple Street, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main, Kammanahalli, Bengaluru - 560 084.

TRUSTEES

6. INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS (ISKCON), Hare Krishna Hill, Chord Road, Bengaluru - 560 010.
REP BY ITS PRESIDENT IN OFFICE SRI. VENKATARAMANA NOW PRESIDENT IN OFFICE SRI. K. RAMAKRISHNA **EX-OFFICIO TRUSTEE**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The above named Trustees had filed Application Under Section 92(1) (B) (H) Read With Section 151 of The Code Of Civil Procedure to induct/implead two new trustees to Sri Thulasi Ramdass Mutt on the file of the Hon'ble Principal City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bengaluru, CCH.No.1.

General Public or if any person/s is/are having any objection with regard to Inducting/Impleading two new trustees in place of Trustee No.1 Sri.K.Ramachandran and Trustee No.4 Sri.K.Sai Kumar for the remaining period by **1. Sri. S. CHANDRASHEKAR,** Aged about 60 years, Son of Sri. S. Ramachandra, **4. Sri. K. RAMAKRISHNA,** Aged about 50 years, Son of Sri. C. Kannaiah, of the Trust **"THULASI RAMDASS MUTT TRUST", Cleveland Town, Civil and Military Station, Bengaluru** may appear along with their advocate and able to answer all the material question relating to the same **at 11.00 am on 4th July 2024.**

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 27th day of May 2024.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.
Sri. G. VEERENDRA BABU
And Associates, Advocates,
Office at. No. 64, Ground Floor, 4th Cross,
Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 038.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that **"M/s. Indfrag Herbals Private Limited (erstwhile Sushrut Herbals Private Limited),** having its office at 22/F, Attibele Industrial Area, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru – 562107, Karnataka The above said M/s. Indfrag Herbals Private Limited (erstwhile Sushrut Herbals Private Limited) had approached M/s. Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited, for sanction of credit facilities and that during the course of title verification, it has been found that some of the supporting documents are non-available/non-traceable in respect of below mentioned schedule property. If anyone has/any objections on the non-available/non-traceable documents, the same can be intimated to the undersigned **within 7 days** from this notice along with supporting documents on their claim, failing which it shall be construed that any such claim against M/s. Indfrag Herbals Private Limited (erstwhile Sushrut Herbals Private Limited) is waived, abandoned and the bank shall presume that M/s. Indfrag Herbals Private Limited (erstwhile Sushrut Herbals Private Limited) is entitled to act in accordance to law to do such acts to manage the affairs on the below mentioned property." Any claim after the said period shall not be entertained.

Schedule Property

All that piece of land known as Plot No.22-F in Attibele Industrial Area, situated in Sy. Nos.97 and 128 of Ichhanagar Village Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, containing by admeasuring 2030 Sq. Meters and bounded on the: **On or towards the East by :** Plot No.21-G,
On or towards the West by : Road,
On or towards the North by : Plot No.22-E,
On or towards the South by : Plot No.22-G.

Mariappa M S & Associates,
No.7, 3rd Floor, Kasturi Apartments,
35/11, Langford Road Cross,
Shanthinagar, Bangalore – 560 025.
Mob; 9986811199,
E- mail:mariappams@gmail.com

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 AT BENGALURU
B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajabhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

O.A. No. 1178/2019

BETWEEN:
Union Bank of India ... Applicant
And V/s
M/s JANATHA TRADERS AND OTHERS ...Defendants.

SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
M/s JANATHA TRADERS, No.506, 9th Cross, BDA Land, APMC Yard, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru-560022.
Rep. by its Prop. Smt. N.N. Savithra Bai

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application/interlocutory application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,36,87,157/-** (Rupees One Crore Thirty Six Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand One Hundred Fifty Seven Only) together with current and future interest and for other relief.

The above mentioned Defendant (s) is/are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of his/their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **30.10.2024 at 10.30 A.M.** (forenoon) as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 22nd day of May, 2024.

By order of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1
At Bengaluru

IN THE COURT OF THE XV ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BANGALORE

C. MISC. No. 2755/2024

BETWEEN:1.Mrs.Savithramma M, Aged about 72 years, W/o.Late. Thippanna M, Residing at No. 134, Mico Nagaraj Building, Near Karagadamma Temple, Singasandra, Bangalore-560068. & Others **...PETITIONERS**
AND: THE BBMP COMMISSIONER, THE REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS, BANGALORE. **...RESPONDENT**

PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the above named petitioners have made petition to this court under Section 13(3) of Birth and Death Registration Act, for the grant of death of deceased of the **the Petitioner No.1's Husband as well as Petitioners Nos.2 and 5's Father was LATE.MR. THIPPANNA M, S/o.Mr.Somappa M, was death on 29.03.2022, and place of death: No.134, Mico Nagaraj Building, 4th Cross, Near Karagadamma Temple, Singasandra, Bangalore-560068.** Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this court in person or by pleader duly instructed on date **29/6/2024 at about 11.00am** informed to show cause against the petitioner failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declare as ex-parte,

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 31st day of May 2024 at Bangalore.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Sheristedar XV A.C.M.M. Court Bangalore
Applicant For Advocate, Rama Praba N,
No.1st Floor, No.3, SR Arcade, SRK Paradise,
Manipal County Road, Singasandra, Bangalore-68.

IN THE COURT OF THE XXIV ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU

P & SC. No. 239/2024 (CCH-6)

Between : Smt. Lakshmi Sarma, W/o. Late Sri. Venkateshwara Sarma, Aged about 82 years, R/at 11, Bahudhanya, 2nd Cross, Simha Layout, Chikkalasandra, Bengaluru - 560061 **....Petitioner**
And : Nil ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sri. Venkateshwara Sarma, S/o. G. Krishnamurthy, last R @ 11, Bahudhanya, 2nd Cross, Simha Layout, Chikkalasandra, Bengaluru-560061, has passed away on 31/05/2023. Sri. Venkateshwara Sarma has left behind his wife Smt. Lakshmi Sarma. Whereas Smt. Lakshmi Sarma, the Petitioner named above, is the deceased's wife and has filed application under section 278 of Indian Succession Act 1925 for grant of Letters of Administration in respect of the schedule mentioned herein below. Any person(s) interested in the estate left behind by Sri. Venkateshwara Sarma are here by directed to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by pleader duly instructed **on 08/07/2024 at 11 a.m.** to show cause against the petition, failing which the matter will be heard and determined.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

Schedule A : All that piece and parcel of the house property bearing No. 11, Sarakki notified area Khata No. 124, Assessment No.85 found out of converted Sy.No.73/2, of Chikkalasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Conversion order No. ALN.SR.283/92-93 dated 11/03/93 from the Tahasildar Bengaluru South Taluk and order No. B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)363/92-93 dated 10/05/93 from the special deputy commissioner, Bengaluru District measuring East to West: 34 + 38 feet, and North to South: 42 feet 2

and bounded on the: East by: Property No. 10, West by: Private Property, North by: Private Property South by: Road.

Schedule B : A plot in Hyderabad located at No. 9, HIG Category, New Shamshabad Residential Complex, Sy.No. 609, 610, 615/4, 689, 750, 752, 753, 746, 747, 766 of New Shamshabad Village, Rajendranagar Taluk, Rangareddy District, under sub-registrar Rajendranagar Taluk, measuring 360.00 sq mtrs (430-56 sq yards) and bounded by: East: Plot No. 10 HIG, West: 9.00 mt wide road, North: 9.00 mt wide road, South: Plot No.8 HIG.

Schedule C : All that piece and parcel of the portion of land bearing Old Sy.No. 333/1, RS No. 142/4 measuring 0-19 Acres, Old Sy.No. 336/3 RS No. 143/3 measuring 0-32 Acres, Old Sy.No. 336/4 RS No. 143/5 measuring 0-78 Acres, Old Sy.No. 336/5 RS No. 143/6 measuring 1-87 Acres total 3-16 Acres situated at West Godavari District, Vatluru Subregistrar, Vasanthawada Village Panchayat, Vasanthawada is bounded by:

East: Land belonging to Gali Dhanamma and A Apparao, South: Land belonging to Muralanagabushanam, Koniki Ranga Rao, West: Pantabode, North: Land belonging to Sampangi Sreemannarayana.

In between land of 3 Acres and 16 Cents.

Registered as
Document No. 3292/1927 Book 1, Vol. 21, Pages 341 to 344 of S.R. Office, West Godavari.
Document No. 3293/1927 Book 1, Vol. 22, Pages 212 to 215 of S.R. Office, West Godavari, and
Document No. 1312/1928, Book 1, Vol. 27, Pages 452 to 463 of S.R. Office, West Godavari.

Schedule D: All that piece and parcel of the property situated at West Godavari District, Eluru Sub-registrar, Eluru City, Postal Colony, Municipal W.P Ward, T.S No.113, Ext AC 6.93, in which 600 Sq.yards, out of which towards the Southern side an extent of 300 Sq.yards (250.83 Sq.Mts.) vacant site bounded by:

East: Road 30-0 ft., South: Patel Khana Syamala Ratnam's Site 90-0 ft., West: Mokkpati Rama Krishna's Site 30-0 ft., North: Guntury Suryanarayana Murthy's Site 90-0 ft.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this 28th day of May 2024.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.
VB Law Partners, Advocates
Unit #211, 2nd Floor, Prestige Eva Mall,
Brigade Road, Bengaluru- 560 025.
Mob: +91 9880100688
Email: vijay@vblawpartners.com

Govt. of Karnataka

Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society, Bengaluru

(An Organisation of Government of Karnataka)
No.8, MSB-1, 6th & 7th Floor, Karnataka Marketing Federation Building, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru-560052.

No: KREIS/EE-1/Tender-02/2024-25 Date: 31.05.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Only)

The tenders have been invited for **Electrical works / repairs in various Districts of KREIS, respectively (Tender Indent No. 186, 188, 189, 190, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200 & 201)** through e-Portal vide website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on **31.05.2024.** The last date for receipt of tenders is **14.06.2024.** The details may be viewed in the above website.

Note: Any changes in term tender notification will not be published in dailies. It will be published in e-Procurement portal only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer-1
KREIS

DIPR/CP/YC/166/2024-25

Directorate of Municipal Administration

9th Floor Vishweshwaraiah Towers, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore-560001, Tele phone: 080- 22866302 / 22867172
Email: dmablr@gmail.com, Website: www.municipaladmn.gov.in

Ref. No.: 1418173/DMA/SWM/FSM/11/2024 Date:30.05.2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer (SWM) on behalf of the Director, Directorate of Municipal Administration, Bengaluru invites two cover system turnkey basis Lumpsum tenders from the interested and eligible Class-I contractors registered with the competent authority. Details as follows.

Sl. No	Works Indent No	Amount put tender in Lakhs	EMD in Lakhs	Stipulated Period of Completion of work
1	DMA/2024-25/WT/WORK_INDENT18121 (Package No.8)	793.48	11.91	09 Months (Including monsoon period)
2	DMA/2024-25/WT/WORK_INDENT18127 (Package No.10)	738.88	11.05	
3	DMA/2024-25/WT/WORK_INDENT18197 (Package No.14)	685.00	10.28	
4	DMA/2024-25/WT/WORK_INDENT18199 (Package No.15)	538.32	8.10	
5	DMA/2024-25/WT/WORK_INDENT18201 (Package No.16)	558.31	8.38	
6	DMA/2024-25/WT/WORK_INDENT18211 (Package No.17)	469.72	7.05	

Tender documents may be downloaded from government of Karnataka e-procurement website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Tender documents downloaded from:**30.05.2024 to 15.06.2024,** Pre-bid meeting: **07.06.2024, 11.00 am at 9th floor, DMA, Bengaluru,** last date for submission of tender documents (online) **15.06.2024 up to 5.00pm,** Opening of tender (Technical bid only) **17.06.2024 at 11.00 AM** onwards. Any Change in the tender conditions and calendar of events will be notified through e– procurement portal only and will not be published in any newspapers.

Sd/- Director,
Directorate of Municipal Administration, Bangalore

DIPR/CP/168/SHIRDISAI/2024-25

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD

3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

Short Term Tender Notification (Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Karnataka Housing Board invites tenders from the eligible Pre qualified contractors in KHB through Karnataka Public Procurement portal for below mentioned works.

Last date for submission of bid: 07.06.2024 up to 4.00 PM

Sl. No.	Name of work	Work Indent & IFT No.	Amount put to tender in Rs.
1	Construction of Post Metric Girls Hostel 2nd Phase at Sindhanur in Raichur District.	Tender Reference Number: KHB/ 2023-24/BD/work_indent 182/ CALL-2 & IFT No. 189/2023-24 Date: 31.05.2024	1,18,82,722.00
2	Construction of Post Metric Girls Hostel 2nd Phase at Karatagi Village, Gangavati Taluk, Koppal District.	Tender Reference Number: KHB/ 2023-24/BD/work_indent 183/ CALL-2 & IFT No. 188/2023-24 Date: 31.05.2024	1,19,46,011.00
3	Construction of Post Metric Girls Hostel 2nd Phase at Sagara Taluk, Shivamogga District.	Tender Reference Number: KHB/ 2023-24/BD/work_indent 197/ CALL-2 & IFT No. 201/2023-24 Date: 31.05.2024	1,30,83,500.00
4	Construction of Post Metric Girls Hostel 2nd Phase at Gangotri Nagara in Tumakuru Town, Tumakuru District.	Tender Reference Number: KHB/ 2023-24/BD/work_indent 202/ CALL-2 & IFT No. 214/2023-24 Date: 31.05.2024	1,30,48,254.00

For further information, contact below mentioned office address **Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru, Telephone No. 080-22273511/080-22100077, website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/CP/169/AKAR/2024-25

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government Of India Undertaking)
Head Office: Bangalore

ARM-1 BRANCH
2nd Floor, No.86, Spencer Tower, M.G. Road Bangalore-560001
PH: 080-25310066 / 25588642
E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 8 (6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **10.07.2024 (10.30 AM to 11.00 AM), for recovery of Rs. 40,21,78,053.79/-** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) M/s. Ambika Electronics** Ground Floor, No. 952, A Sunder Mahal, 14th Cross, Hoskerahalli, Girinagar, Bangalore-560085 **(2) Mr. Ramesh Aithal** S/o Sri. K.Venkattraman Aithal, 85, Yukthi, Avalahalli, 3rd Stage, Girinagar, Bangalore-560055, **(3) Mr. K.Shantharam Holla** S/o Achula Holla, B 202, Ashwini Apartment, 14 Ring Road, Banashankari, 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070, **(4) Mr. K.V.R. Somayaji,** 97, 3rd Main, 4th Phase, J.P.Nagar, Sarakki Dollar Colony, Bangalore-560078 **(5) Smt. K.Veena** W/o Mr.K.V.R.Somayaji, 97, 3rd Main, 4th Phase, J.P.Nagar, Sarakki Dollar Colony, Bangalore-560078 **(6) Mr. Sri. Sadananda Maiya,** S/o Late PYN Maiya, 342/20, Shanthala, 1st B Main Road, Jayanagar West, Bangalore-82.

The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or **before 09.07.2024 at 5.00 pm by way of DD favouring Authorized Officer Canara Bank ARM-1 Branch** or through online payment to **Account No.209272434 (IFSC CNRB0002366)** is as under. **(₹. in Lakhs)**

Lot No	Description of the immovable/movable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Incremental value at Bid
1	Hypothecation of Stock and Book debts	₹.51.00	₹.5.10	₹.1.00
2	Residential Property Site No. 14, Old Sy.No. 59, PID No. 55-142-14/49, Flats No. B-202, 'B' Block, Second Floor, Ashwini Apartments, No.14, 100 feet Ring Road, Near Devegowda Petrol Bunk, BSK 2nd Stage, BBMP Ward No. 182, Bangalore-560070 standing in the name of K.Shantharama Holla, Area 1809.25 Sq.ft 3 BHK.	₹.155.00	₹.15.50	₹.1.00
3	Residential Property Site No. 14, Old Sy.No. 59, PID No. 55-142-14/2, Flats No. A-201, 'A' Block, Second Floor, Ashwini Apartments, No.14, 100 feet Ring Road, Near Devegowda Petrol Bunk, BSK 2nd Stage, BBMP Ward No. 182, Bangalore-560070 standing in the name of K V R Somayaji and Smt. K.Veena, Area 1337.30 Sq.ft	₹.116.00	₹.11.60	₹.1.00
4	Residential Site No. 5, Carved out of Sy.No. 29/13 of Mayagananahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Ramanagaram Taluk, V.P.Katha No. 571-5-29/13, Measuring 8000 Sq.ft standing in the name of Sri. Ramesh Aithal and K.Shantharama Holla.	₹.160.00	₹.16.00	₹.1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Sr. Manager, ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, mob. No. 9627872626 and 9448507473 during office hours on any working day.

Date : 30.05.2024
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

Bank of Baroda

K G Road Branch
No 2, Prithvi Building, K G Road,
Bangalore - 560 009, Tel: 080-22268106/07,
E-mail:BANGAL@bankofbaroda.co.in
(A Government of India undertaking)

POSSESSION NOTICE

(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8(1)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, K G Road Branch, Bangalore under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec 13(2) read with Rule-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued Demand Notice dated **27.02.2024** calling upon the **1) Smt Madhumati K R,** No 11, S S Residency, 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, K N Extension, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore – 560022. **2) Sri Sampath R,** No 11, S S Residency, 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, K N Extension, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore – 560022 **(Borrowers)** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being under of **Rs 41,15,003/- (Rupees Forty One lakhs Fifteen Thousand Three Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor of the property having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/Guarantor/Owner of the property in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **29th day of MAY of the year 2024.**

The borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda for an amount of **Rs 41,15,003/- (Rupees Forty One lakhs Fifteen Thousand Three Only)** plus interest thereon along with cost.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Site No 35, BBMP Khatha No 74-253/23/35 New PID No 010-WA195-3 situated at Ward No 10, Hanuman Layout, Ramachandrapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet totally 1200 Sq Ft and bounded on: East by: Site No 28 ,West by: Road, North by: Site No 36, South by: Site No 34.

Place: Bengaluru Sd-Authorised Officer
Date: 29.05.2024 Bank of Baroda, K. G. Road Branch

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, Bommanahalli Zone, Bengaluru

No.: S.A.D.H/BZ/BBMP/PR/01/2024-25 Date: 30.05.2024

AUCTION NOTICE

This is to inform the general public and venders that, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bommanahalli Zone Horticulture Department is intended to disbursement of Sapota, Jackfruit, Mango and Coconut crops grown in the Hosapalya Nursery's for the year 2024-25 through auction in the same farm in the presence of general public at below mentioned date and time.

Sl. No.	Horticulture Farm and Auction Place	Disposal of Fruit Crops	No. of Crops Trees	Deposit Amount in Rs.	Auction date and time
1	Hosapalya Horticulture Farm	Sapota	32	2000.00	05.06.2024 at 11:00 a.m.
2		Jackfruit	45	1000.00	05.06.2024 at 11:30 a.m.
3		Mango	52	2000.00	05.06.2024 at 12:00 p.m.
4		Coconut	265	5000.00	05.06.2024 at 12:30 p.m.

Those who are interested to participated in the auction should pay a Rs. 1000.00 deposit amount before the auction and register their name. After the final auction, the auction recipient should pay 50% of auction amount in the name of Chief Commissioner, BBMP separately through demand draft from any nationalized bank. Balance 50% of the amount should be paid through DD within 10 days of the approval and can harvest the crop untill **31.12.2024**. The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture reserves the right to accept or reject the auction. Decision of the authority of the Department is final. Further details may be obtained from the office of the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, Bommanahalli Zone during office hours.

Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, Bommanahalli Zone, BBMP

Office of the Additional Director General of Police Communication, Logistics and Modernization

Office of the Superintendent of Police-Wireless
No.1, M.G.Road, Bengaluru-560001. Phone : +91-80-22864626, E-mail : spwireless@ksp.gov.in

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurment Portal)

Additional Director General of Police, Communication, Logistics & Modernization, Bengaluru has invited a tender for the following works through e-Procurement portal.

Tender No. **KSP/2024-25/IND0082, Date: 30/05/2024. Name of work:** Design, Supply, Commissioning and Maintenance of Digital VHF Radio Communication Network for Mangalore City through e-procurement portal. Estimated Bid value: **449.55 Lakhs**. Pre-bid meeting on **12/06/2024 at 11.30 A.M.** The last date and time for tender submission is **29/06/2024, at 5.00 P.M.**

Tender No. **KSP/2024-25/IND0083, Date: 30/05/2024. Name of work:** Design, Supply, Commissioning and Maintenance of Digital VHF Radio Communication Network for Davanagere District through e-procurement portal. Estimated Bid value: **366.33 Lakhs.** Pre-bid meeting on **12/06/2024 at 11.30 A.M.** The last date and the last date and time for tender submission is **29/06/2024, 5.00 P.M.**

Tender No. **KSP/2024-25/IND0084, Date: 30/05/2024 Name of work:** Design, Supply, Commissioning and Maintenance of Digital VHF Radio Communication Network for Dharwad District through e-procurement portal. Estimated Bid value: **Rs.184.09 Lakhs.** Pre-bid meeting on **12.06.2024 at 11.30 A.M.** The Last date and time for tender submission **29.06.2024, 5.00 P.M.**

Further details can be obtained by visiting e-Procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** For more information, please contact the above office.

Sd/- For Superintendent of Police, Wireless, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/164/2024-25

GOVERNMENT OF UNION TERRITORY JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL AND HOSPITALS DIVISION SRINAGAR
Telefax:- 0194-2496089, Email ID:- xenmhchdk@yahoo.in

NIT No: M&HDS/TS/2024-25/05/e-tendering **GIST OF E-Tender** **Dated:-29.05.2024**

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT, e-tenders in two (02) cover system, are invited on item rate basis from authorized dealers of OEMs or registered/reputed and experienced firms for the following work:

Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees)	Time of completion (in days)	Earnest Money Deposit	Position of Funds
1	2	3	4	5	6
Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Fire Alarm and Detection System in Boys Hostel and girls hostel for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) at Govt. Medical College, Srinagar.	14.26	1000.00	15	28520	Available with the intending department as per AAA
Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Fire Fighting System for Boys Hostel and Girls Hostel for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) at Govt. Medical College, Srinagar.	33.36	2000.00	18	66720	Available with the intending department as per AAA

- **Authorization conveyed Vide Executive Engineer (R&B) Construction Division 1st Srinagar and Accord of Administrative Approval from Principal/Dean, Govt. Medical College, Srinagar, J&K vide Order No:-** 30 MCS of 2020, Dt: 12-08-2020 and Govt Order NO 808-JK9HME) of 2020 Dt 16.10.2020
- **Technical Sanction:**
  1) M&HDS/TS-02, Dated:- 05/2024(For Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Fire Alarm and Detection System in Boys Hostel and Girls hostel for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) at Govt. Medical College, Srinagar.)
  2) M&HDS/TS-03, Dated:- 05/ Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Fire Fighting System for Boys Hostel and Girls Hostel for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) at Govt. Medical College, Srinagar.

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q) set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen /downloaded from the website **www.jktenders.gov.in** as per the below schedule:

1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	29.05.2024
2.	Period of downloading of the bidding document	From 29.05.2024 (1800 HRS) to 10.06.2024 (1200 HRS)
3.	Bid Submission Start Date	From 29.05.2024 (1800 HRS)
4.	Bid Submission End Date	10.06.2024 (1200 HRS)
5.	Cost of Bidding Document	Rs.1000/- (For SITC of Fire Alarm and Detection System in Boys Hostel and girls hostel), Rs.2000/- (For SITC of Fire Fighting System for Boys Hostel and girls hostel)
6.	Tender document fee to be deposited in	**In the shape of e-challan as per the details given below:** Account no:-0005010100005109, Name:- Executive Engineer M&HD Srinagar, Name of the Bank:- Jammu & Kashmir Bank, Branch Name:- Residency Road Srinagar., Branch Code:- CHINAR, IFSC Code:- JAKA0CHINAR, MICR CODE:- 190051066, The Authority reserves the right to cross check genuinity of the receipt of tender document fee.
7.	Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 28520/- (For SITC of Fire Alarm and Detection System in Boys Hostel and girls hostel), Rs. 66720/- (For SITC of Fire Fighting System for Boys Hostel and girls hostel) in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer, M&H Division, Srinagar from bank having branch in Srinagar.
8.	Date and time for opening of the Bids online	10.06.2024 at 1400 HRS in the office of Executive Engineer, M&H Division, Srinagar

No: M&HDS/TS/1080-85
Dated: 29.05.2024

DIPK-748/24

Sd/- Executive Engineer
M&HD, Srinagar

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Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru North, No.635 C (New No.25/2), 1 st Main Road, E Block, 2 nd Stage, Rajaji Nagar, Dr.Rajkumar Road, Bengaluru - 560010, E –mail: arb.bengalurunorth@unionbankofindia.bank

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for 15 days Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India (secured Creditor) will be sold on **" As is where is", " As is what is " and " whatever there is"** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

Branch : Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore North : Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: (1) M/s.Siddartha Enterprises, Proprietor: Mrs. A Eshwari, No-122-49, 27th Cross.7th Block, Jaya Nagar, Bangalore-560082 **(2) Mrs. A Eshwari ,** W/o Mohan Raj, No-122-49, 27th Cross.7th Block, Jaya Nagar, Bangalore-560082 **Guarantor : (3) Mrs. K Shashikala,** # 53, 9th Cross, 13th Main, J P Nagar, Bangalore-560078.
Amount due: Rs. 2,88,04,738.91/- (Rupees Two Crore Eighty Eight Lakh Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Eight and paise Ninety One only) as on interest debited till **30.04.2024** + Future interest + Other expenses.

Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: Property No-1 : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property residential flat Ground Floor portion of Block 'C' Eastern Wing of Middle Building having a built up area approx. 700 sq ft together with undivided 1/5 th share right, title, interest in the land measuring East to West 29 feet, North to South 24 feet situated in between the main building and rare residential portion including common amenities Situated at property being No 122/49/7 ,27t h Cross ,7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore -560070 owned by Mrs A Eswari and bounded By : East by : Site no 123 & 123 A, West by : Same property Block D, North by : Main Building, South by : Same property Block A
Property No-2 : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property Commercial space on 2nd Floor, in the Middle Building of Block 'C' being the Eastern Wing and Block D being the western Wing together situated in between the main building and rear residential building portion building in the main schedule having built up area approx. 1400 sq ft together With Undivided Share of 1/5 th Share right title interest in the land measuring East to West 60 feet, North to south 24 feet including common amenities situated at Property bearing No 122/49/11 ,27t h Cross ,7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore Bangalore -560082 owned by Mrs A Eswari and bounded By : East by : Site no 123 & 123 A, West by : 10 ft passage, North by : Main Building, South by : Same property Block A & B.
Property No-3: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property residential flat bearing Site No

Three
dead after a shooting at an apartment complex in Minneapolis, police said

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • WI: Windy • HR: Heavy Rain • SN: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	30	21	SNY	Los Angeles	24	14	SNY
Colombo	30	28	HR	Melbourne	18	9	SNY
Dhaka	33	30	SNY	Moscow	28	16	SNY
Dubai	36	30	SNY	New York	25	16	LR
Houston	31	25	LR	Singapore	33	29	SNY
Istanbul	24	16	SNY	Toronto	19	10	SNY
London	19	12	LR	Washington	15	9	LR

TRUMP GUILTY ON ALL 34 COUNTS IN HUSH MONEY CASE

Republican becomes 1st former US prez to be convicted of a felony

NEW YORK

DONALD Trump has become the first former US president to be convicted of a felony after a grand jury in New York found him guilty on 34 counts of falsifying business records to cover up a payment to silence a porn star ahead of the 2016 presidential election, mounting his legal challenges amidst his bid to return to the White House in November.

In a historic verdict, a panel of 12 Manhattan jurors on Thursday said they unanimously agreed that Trump, 77, falsified business records to conceal a $1,30,000 hush money payment to adult film star Stormy Daniels to influence the 2016 contest.

The decision came after about a day and a half of deliberations. The conviction does not prevent Trump from standing in November's election, but he is almost certain to appeal against it regardless.

Over a six-week trial, the court heard from 22 witnesses, including Daniels, whose alleged sexual encounter with the former president was at the centre of the case.

As the verdicts were read, Trump remained silent and still. But the former president spoke to reporters outside the courtroom, calling the trial a "rigged, disgraceful trial" and saying that the "real verdict" will be rendered on Election Day in November.

Prosecutors had argued that, by approving a scheme to disguise the money as legal expenses, Trump broke election law. Trump's sentencing is scheduled for July 11, four days before the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he will be formally nominated as the party's presidential candidate against incumbent Joe Biden, an 81-year-old Democrat, in the November 5 elections.

For now, Trump has been released without having to pay bail.

"This was a disgrace. This was a rigged trial by a conflicted judge who was corrupt. It's a rigged trial, a disgrace. They wouldn't give us a venue change. We were at 5 per cent or 6 per cent in this district, in this area. This was a rigged, disgraceful trial," said the former president shortly after the verdict was read.

"The real verdict is going to be November 5th by the people. And they know what happened here, and everybody knows what happened here. You have a Soros-backed DA, and the whole thing, we didn't do a thing wrong. I'm a very innocent man, and it's okay, I'm fighting for our country. I'm fighting for our Constitution. Our whole country is being rigged right now," Trump said. Trump alleged that this was done by the Biden administration to wound or hurt a political opponent. *AFP*

People celebrate outside Manhattan Criminal Court after the guilty verdict was announced against former US President Donald Trump on Saturday | AP

CAN A CONVICTED FELON BECOME U.S. PRESIDENT?

It will ultimately be up to voters on November 5 to decide the significance of the guilty verdict delivered by 12 ordinary New Yorkers, which, on a legal basis, does not prevent him from being elected president again

PRISON TIME?

The big question now is whether Trump could go to prison. The charge of falsifying business records is a Class E felony in New York, the lowest tier of felony charges in the state

It is punishable by up to four years in prison, though the punishment would ultimately be up to the judge and there's no guarantee he would give Trump time bars

It's unclear to what extent the judge may factor in the political and logistical complexities of jailing a former president who is running to reclaim the White House

Three

Trump faces three other criminal cases, including two of alleged election interference. Trump has pleaded not guilty in all. None of them have trial dates scheduled

TRUMP CAN STILL BECOME PRESIDENT

The US Constitution lays out just three requirements for presidential candidates

1. Be a natural born citizen
2. Be at least 35 years old
3. Have been a US resident for at least 14 years

Nothing in the US Constitution bars a convicted criminal from running for the nation's highest office

And Trump can still vote for himself in his home state of Florida as long as he stays out of prison in New York state

Should he win the presidency he will not be able to pardon himself, given that the case was brought not by the federal government but by the state of New York, where only the governor could clear his name

AVENUES FOR APPEAL

He can challenge his conviction in an appellate division of the state's trial court and possibly, the state's highest court. His lawyers have been laying the groundwork for appeals

Don uses guilt verdict to drum up support

WASHINGTON

TORN apart and rewired by Donald Trump's historic criminal conviction, the 2024 presidential campaign moves into uncharted territory on Friday with all eyes on how the two main protagonists navigate the dangers.

The former Republican president wasted no time in shifting from courtroom to campaign mode. "I am a political prisoner!" he announced immediately after the guilty verdicts anded on all 34 charges in his New York hush-money trial.

Trump has turned what would immediately destroy an ordinary political career into a badge of honor, comparing himself to political prisoners like Nelson Mandela and telling supporters that the scandals prove his conspiracy theory about a "deep state" taking away his freedom.

Trump's campaign said it had raised $35 million in online small-dollar donations after he was convicted.

The record-shattering figure amounted to almost double the next best fundraising day for the campaign on WinRed, the official Republican Party donation platform, according to aides.

"Crooked Joe Biden and the Democrats with their election interference political witch hunt have awakened the MAGA movement like never before," senior campaign aides Chris LaCivita and Susie Wiles said in a statement. The advisors said 30 percent of the total came from new donors to the platform and hailed an "outpouring of support from patriots across our country." The page crashed for around an hour within minutes of launching, however, as the surge of Trump supporters overwhelmed WinRed.

Donald Trump is threatening our democracy. First, he questioned our election system. Then, he questioned our judicial system. And now, you can stop him
Joe Biden

Robert F Kennedy, who is running as an independent in the presidential race, predicted on X that the New York trial would "backfire."

But Keith Gaddie, a political analyst and professor at Texas Christian University, said the political impact of the shocking events has yet to be determined. "It probably doesn't move a lot of votes, but in particular states with particular swing votes, it could matter around the margins. So in particularly tight races, it can tip things back from one direction to the other," he said.

ASIA MATTERS

SINGAPORE

OPPN LEADER'S TRIAL TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER

Singapore's Indian-origin Leader of the Opposition and Workers' Party chief Pritam Singh is set to go on trial in mid-October on two charges of lying in Parliament to a Committee of Privileges over former fellow parliamentarian Raeesah Khan's case, according to a media report. At a pre-trial conference held in chambers away from the public and media on Friday morning, 16 days of trial were fixed for him before Deputy Principal District Judge Luke Tan, Channel News Asia reported. As per court records, the first segment of the trial is set to begin from October 14

MALAYSIA

GOOGLE TO INVEST $2 BILLION

Google will invest $2.0 billion in Malaysia to house the firm's first data centre and "cloud region" in the country, the government said. "The Ministry of Investment, Trade & Industry has secured a commitment by Google to invest 9.4 billion ringgit to house its first data centre and Google Cloud region in Malaysia," the ministry said

THAILAND

FOREIGNERS BENT LAW TO STAY LONGER

Thai police have broken up a large network that illegally helped foreigners, mostly Russians, to stay in Thailand long-term through the use of company nominees or shell companies, officials said Friday. Police said a 45-year-old Russian woman who came to Thailand in 2012 operated the scheme with a Thai woman who was listed as an executive or a shareholder of more than 270 companies in the southern province of Phuket. A total of 98 foreigners, including 68 Russians, have been accused of operating businesses without a permit

Israel confirms central Rafah offensive

JERUSALEM

THE Israeli military confirmed on Friday that its forces are operating in central parts of Rafah in its expanding offensive in the southern Gaza city.

Israel launched its ground assault into the city on May 6, triggering an exodus of around 1 million Palestinians out of the city and throwing UN humanitarian operations based in the area into turmoil.

Still, US President Joe Biden has said Israel has not crossed the "red lines" of a full-fledged invasion that he has urged them against.

Friday's statement by the Israeli military suggested its forces have been operating in most parts of the city. For its first weeks, the Israeli assault focused on in Rafah's eastern districts and in areas close to the border with Egypt.

Israeli troops seized the Rafah crossing into Egypt on the first day of the offensive and have since claimed control over the Philadelphia Corridor, a road running the length of the Gaza-Egypt border on the Gazan side.

Earlier this week, Israeli troops also moved into Rafah's western district of Tel al-Sultan, where heavy clashes with Hamas fighters have been reported by witnesses.

In its statement Friday, the military said its troops in central Rafah had uncovered Hamas rocket launchers and tunnels and dismantled a weapons storage city of the group. It did not specify where in central Rafah the operations were taking place, but previous statements and witness reports have pointed to raids in the Shaboura refugee camp and other sites near the city centre.

Israel has said an offensive in Rafah is vital to uprooting Hamas fighters in its military's campaign to destroy the group after its October 7 attack on southern Israel.

Palestinains who fled the city have scattered around southern and central Gaza, most of them living in squalid tent camps. Up to around 3,00,000 people are believed to remain in the area, some of them still in the central urban parts of the city, a UN official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the press. Shaina Low, a spokesperson for the Norwegian Refugee Council, a humanitarian group that operates in the area, said most have flocked to rural area west of the city near the coast an area that has seen deadly Israeli strikes and shelling the past week. *Agencies*

People fleeing with their belongings from Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip | AFP

WAR WATCH
ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 238

TOLL SO FAR
37,942

Aid not reaching those in need, says UN agency

The humanitarian aid allowed into Gaza is not getting to civilians in need, the UN said Friday, urging Israel to fulfill its legal obligations. "The aid that is getting in is not getting to the people," Jens Laerke, spokesman for the UN humanitarian agency OCHA said. "We continue to insist that Israeli authorities' obligation under the law to facilitate delivery of aid does not stop at the border," said Laerke

France bans Israeli firms from Paris defence fair

PARIS

FRANCE authorities have banned Israeli defence firms from exhibiting at a trade show next month near Paris, organisers said on Friday.

"By decision of the government authorities, there will be no stand for the Israeli defence industry at the Eurosatory 2024 fair," organisers Coges Events said.

Neither Coges nor the defence ministry provided an explanation.

Seventy-four Israeli firms had been set to be represented at the event from June 17 to 21 at fairgrounds close to Paris' main international airport, with Coges previously saying around 10 of them were to exhibit weapons.

Contacted by AFP, the Israeli embassy said it did not wish to comment.

The incident comes days after the Israeli bombing of a camp for the displaced in the Gaza Strip sparked international outrage and protests in France.

The air raids killed at least 45 people in the town of Rafah in the night of Sunday to Monday in the south of the besieged Palestinian territory, according to local authorities, almost eight months into the latest Gaza war.

The conflict erupted after Palestinian militant group Hamas attacked southern Israel on October 7, which resulted in the deaths of 1,189 people. *AFP*

Man stabs several people in German city

BERLIN

A prominent Islam critic was among several people wounded in a knife attack Friday in Germany denounced as "terrible" by Chancellor Olaf Scholz.

The attack just days before EU-wide elections comes amid a spike of politically motivated violence in Germany.

Interior Minister Nancy Faeser raised the possibility that the assault could be Islamist motivated, and vowed a thorough investigation into the case. A man with a knife attacked and wounded several people on the market square in the city of Mannheim at around 11.35 am (0935 GMT), police said in a statement.

Police then shot at the attacker, who was also wounded as a result. "The extent and severity of the injuries are not yet known," the police said, adding that there was no further danger to the public. "The images from Mannheim are terrible," Scholz wrote on X.

"Violence is absolutely unacceptable in our democracy. The perpetrator must be severely punished." According to several media reports, one of the victims was Michael Stuerzenberger, a German far-right activist and blogger. *AFP*

Indian-origin doc dies after botched medical procedure

LONDON

AN Indian-origin doctor referred to as 'brilliant' in his field died after being subjected to a medical procedure that was botched and also without a chance for him to give his informed consent to it, a UK coroner has concluded at the end of an inquest dating back over two years.

Professor Amit Patel was a Manchester-based National Health Service (NHS) Consultant Haematologist and a member of the haemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH) National Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT).

In August 2021, the 43-year-old was admitted to hospital in the city with suspected HLH himself and died weeks later in October.

"The deceased underwent an EBUS [endobronchial ultrasound] procedure on 2nd September 2021 following a recommendation by the national HLH MDT. This recommendation was based on an incomplete presentation of the deceased's clinical case, and therefore should never have been made," notes the Manchester Coroner's ruling released on Thursday. *PTI*

KEEPING WITH TRADITION

Indian-American wins Scripps Spelling Bee title

NATIONAL HARBOR

BRUHAT Soma, a 12-year-old Indian-American seventh-grade student from Florida, has won the Scripps National Spelling Bee after he spelt 29 words correctly in the tiebreaker, maintaining the dominance of the children from the small ethnic community in the prestigious competition.

Bruhat emerged victorious in the Scripps National Spelling Bee on Thursday, earning more than $50,000 in cash and other prizes. This year's contest came down to a tiebreaker in which Bruhat spelt 29 words correctly in 90 seconds, beating Faizan Zaki, who managed to correctly spell 20 words in the lightning round. His championship word was 'abseil', which is defined as "descent in mountaineering by means of a rope looped over a projection above." Organisers calling for a spell-off to determine a winner following 14 rounds over three days at the national championships.

Bruhat went first in the tiebreaker, and after he got through 30 words, it appeared he would be impossible to beat. Faizan's pace was more uneven at the outset. He attempted 25 words but flubbed four of them. "Bruhat Soma rules the word! The Champion of the 2024 Scripps National Spelling Bee! The boy with the unbelievable memory doesn't miss a word all week and takes home the Scripps Cup!" the organisers said. Bruhat Soma correctly spelt 29 out of 30 words attempted to earn the coveted champion title and beat the standing spell-off record set by Harini Logan in 2022. Logan spelt 22 out of 26 words correctly. *PTI*

Bruhat Soma (second from left) with family after winning the contest | AFP

Market Watch

MARKET		GOLD		SILVER		FOREX	
75.71				₹1,000 ▼			
Sensex	73,961.31	24 carat (10 gm)	₹72,910	1 kg	₹95,500	Dollar	83.45
42.05 ▲				₹10 ▼			
Nifty	22,530.70	22 carat (10 gm)	₹66,850	10 gm	₹955	Euro	90.74

RBI adds 204 tonne gold since 2019

The central bank shifts 100 tonne of the metal from UK to its vaults, first time since 1991

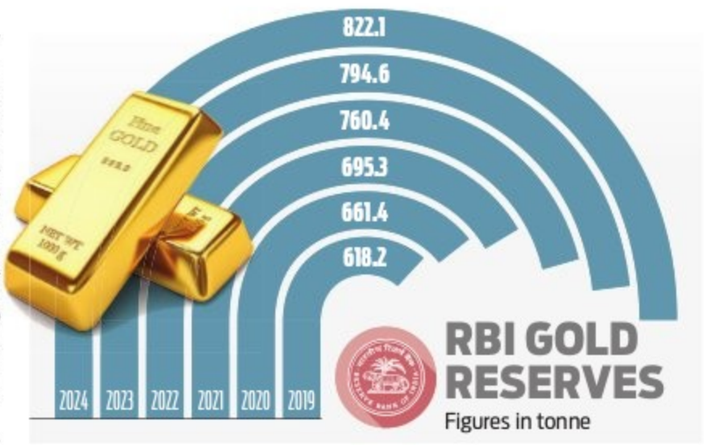
BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

FROM pledging nearly half of the entire gold reserves—a tad less than 47 tonne— with the IMF way back in January 1991 to tide over an immediate balance of payments crisis, the Reserve Bank has come long way as it has added about 204 tonne of gold between 2019 and March 2024, ramping up the reserves from 618.2 tonne in March 2019 to 822.1 tonne as of March 2024. This has happened even as the bullion price has skyrocketed during this period.

When the Narasinha Rao government had took over the reins after Rajiv Gandhi's death in the middle of the polls. The government was again forced to pledge 46.9 tonne with the Bank of England and the Bank of Japan for a $400 million in July of 1991. By the end of the year as economic situation improved, the RBI repurchased the gold before December that year. But all that looks so distant now with the way RBI under Shaktikanta Das has been amassing the metal for financial safety and external balance security.

The biggest addition has been in March-April of 2024 when RBI added a little over 24 tonne, about 150% more than what it had purchased in the whole of FY23, the monetary authority has added 16 tonne to the reserves, as per sources.

According to the RBI annual report released on Thursday, it added 27.5 tonne in fiscal 2024. The vastly changing tonnage indicate the monetary authority has been consistently increasing the gold reserves from 618.2 tonne in 2019 to 661.4 tonne in 2020, and adding almost 35 tonne more in the pandemic ravaged 2021 taking the total to 695.3 tonne, further increasing it to 760.4 tonne in 2022, 794.6 tonne in 2023 and 822.1 tonne by the first four months of 2024 — net addition of 203.9 tonne, even though gold price has been the highest, crossing $2430 an ounce in April 2024. It is not known the average price of these additions, though.



Why RBI is buying gold at such high price?

Though no central banks today follows the gold standard principle — which means a monetary authority can print only as much currency as it has gold reserves in its vaults. Being a highly liquid asset, it is a hedge against any risks. And the official RBI version for snapping up dollars or gold is same — saving for a rainy day in terms of extreme rupee volatility or ramp up or ramp down of the local currency as well as a cover for imports. This is clear from the World Gold Council numbers as central banks have been buyers of nearly a third of the global demand since the middle of last year. And this was mostly led by the Chinese central bank and the RBI.

Meanwhile, the RBI has shipped back 100 tonne gold from the Bank of England's vaults in recent months as part of its reserve management strategy.

Where RBI keeps the gold?

Since the first shipment to London in January 1991, the RBI has been keeping a little over half of reserves offshore, even as it has been adding on to the reserves. Rest of the reserves in yellow metal it keeps in the safe-kept at Mumbai and Nagpur vaults.

Govt's FY24 deficit falls to 5.6% against budgeted 5.8%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE central government's finances performed better than expected in 2023-24 as the fiscal deficit for the year came at 5.6% against the revised estimate of 5.8%.

The fiscal deficit in value was ₹16.54 lakh crore against the revised budget estimate of ₹17.35 lakh crore. The lower-than-estimated fiscal deficit was as a result of better than anticipated receipts and lower than estimated revenue spending, and a marginal miss in the capital expenditure.

The net tax collection (net of states share) at ₹23.27 lakh crore is same as the revised budget estimate. However, Gross tax collections surged 13% during the year to ₹34.65 lakh crore during the year against ₹30.54 lakh crore in the previous year driven mainly by strong growth in personal income tax (25% YoYgrowth), and Central GST (14% YoY growth).

Personal Income tax collection crossed ₹10 lakh crore for the first time in FY24. Corporate tax collection during the year increased by 10.3% to ₹9.11 lakh crore.

The government managed to stay on course of a strong capex in the year with Rs 9.5 lakh crore spent on infrastructure building and asset creation during FY24. The capex during the year was 28% higher than the previous year.

The government managed to stay tight fisted when it comes to revenue expenditure, which are used for salary and pension payments. The government spent ₹34.94 lakh crore in revenue expenditure during FY24 compared to ₹34.54 lakh crore in the previous year.

Experts say with a bumper dividend by RBI, the overall fiscal dynamics appear favourable for FY25. RBI paid a dividend of ₹2.11 lakh crore, which is more than double the amount (₹1.02 lakh cr) budgeted for the year.

Amid continued resilience in GST collections and an unexpectedly large dividend payout by the RBI, the fiscal deficit in FY25 is likely to be around 4.9-5.1%, says Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist at ICRA Ltd.

Core sector output increases 6.2% in April

NEW DELHI: Index of eight core industries grew 6.2% in April, 2024 against 6% in March 2024. The mild expansion was due to improved sequential performance of five of the eight constituents even cement manufacturing saw a sharp decline of 0.6% in April compared to 10.6% in the previous month. Coal and crude oil also saw modest decline during the month. *ENS*

AVIATION

Air India pulled up for passenger discomforts

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

CIVIL aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has pulled up Tata group-run Air India for "repeated incidences of passengers being put to discomfort".

The DGCA on Friday issued a show-cause issued to the airline after passengers suffered from insufficient cabin cooling on two of its recent flights (Mumbai-San Francisco AI-179 flight on May 24 and the Delhi-San Francisco AI-183 flight on May 30) that were inordinately delayed.

As per reports, an Air India Delhi to San Francisco flight on Thursday was delayed by over 24 hour. Passengers were allegedly made to board the flight and sit without air conditioning, due to which many had dizziness and some even fainted.

"Whereas, it has come to the notice of DGCA that flight AI-179 dated 24.05.2024 and flight A - 183 dated 30.05.2024 were inordinately delayed and passengers were put to discomfort due to insufficient cooling in the cabin. Further, repeated incidences of passengers being put to discomfort by M/s Air India in violation of various DCA CAR provisions have come to notice," said DGCA in its show-cause notice. This is not the first time when Air India, which has ambitions to becomea true global airline from India, is pulled up by DGCA.

Coal stocks sufficient to meet for 19 days' need

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

DESPITE high power demand across the country, coal stocks are sufficient to meet requirements for 19 days. According to the data from the Ministry of Coal, coal stocks at thermal power plants remain above 45 million tonne (MT), a 30% increase compared to last year.

Coal production has grown by over 8% as against last year. In May 2024, average daily depletion of coal at thermal power plants was only 10,000 tonne.

"This has been made possible by ensuring smooth and adequate logistical arrangements for supply of coal," the ministry said in a statement. "The mechanism of a sub-group comprising representatives from the Ministries of Power, Coal, Railways, and power generating companies is playing an effective role in maintaining an efficient supply chain."

The power demand hit a record high of 250 GW on Thursday (May 30). This is the highest power demand met this summer, as per power ministry data. The previous peak of 243.27 GW was recorded in September 2023. Many states recorded peak power demand, for instance, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra recorded 28 GW maximum demand on May 30, Gujarat 24 GW, Tamil Nadu 19 GW recorded maximum demand.

As per coal ministry data, stockpiles at mine pitheads exceed 100 MT, ensuring ample supplies for power sector. The ministry said the Ministry of Railways has ensured a 9% average growth in daily availability of railway rakes for coal transportation. Evacuation of coal via coastal shipping has seen major growth. Traditionally, coal was transported only via Paradip Port. Under proper coordination as per the coal logistics policy, coal is now being evacuated via Dhamra and Gangavaram ports as well. Infra improvements in railway have contributed to faster movement of rakes from Son Nagar to Dadri, resulting in 100% improvement in turnaround time.

ASIANOMICS

CHINA

FACTORY ACTIVITY FALLS IN MAY

Factory activity in China slowed more than expected in May, according to the official data released on Friday. It suggests further pressure on the economy already burdened by a prolonged crisis in the property industry. As per the survey, the manufacturing purchasing managers index from the China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing declined to 49.5 from 50.4 in April on a scale up to 100 where 50 marks the break between expansion and contraction. The main reason for the slowdown was a drop in output. Weaker new orders and export orders suggests slack demand. Analysts' forecasts had put the manufacturing PMI at just above 50, or still in expansionary territory after the economy grew at a quicker than forecast annual pace of 5.3% in the first quarter of the year. But uncertainties over access to the US market have been growing as President Joe Biden and his rival for re-election, former President Donald Trump.

JAPAN

BOJ PANELIST WARNS OF INFLATION RISK

Takeo Hoshi, an academic with knowledge of the country's monetary policy, said on Friday that the Bank of Japan (BOJ) must steadily raise interest rates to guard against the risk of inflation accelerating well above its 2% target. The country's wage-inflation dynamics are changing in ways unseen in the past with intensifying labour shortages pushing up labour costs and prodding more firms to hike prices, said Hoshi. The BOJ will keep raising rates to anchor inflation expectations around 2%, and eventually start quantitative tightening, Reuters quoted Hoshi as saying. Hoshi declined to say how soon the BOJ could raise its interest rate from current near-zero levels, but said hikes should happen "steadily" given upside risks to inflation. The BOJ ended eight years of negative rates and a policy capping long-term borrowing costs around zero in March, making a historical shift away from its radical stimulus.

TAIWAN

EXPORT ORDERS FALL FOR FIRST TIME IN 2 YEARS

Exports of Taiwan fell for the first time in 25 months in April, taking a greater-than-expected hit from COVID lockdowns in China and broader global supply chain disruptions. As per the data from the Ministry of Economic Affairs, export orders fell 5.5% from a year ago to $51.9 billion last month. The fall was the first in over two years, since the COVID-19 pandemic began sweeping the world in 2020, and up-ended analysts' forecasts for 8.3% growth. Orders for telecommunications products tumbled 21.5% on year, mainly on account of government measures to control the spread of COVID-19 in China, the ministry said. Orders for electronic products edged up 4.3%, with China's lockdowns "deepening the supply and demand imbalance," the ministry said. The ministry said it expects export orders in May to be in a range of a fall of 1.1% and an expansion of 1.7% from a year earlier.

Jefferies bullish on Adanis as Group sees rise in profit, lines up $90 bn capex

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

GAUTAM Adani-led Adani Group has received an upgrade by Jefferies as the conglomerate's 10 listed firms saw a 55% rise in profit for the fiscal year ending March 2024. The Group, recovering from major setback, caused by Hindenburg Research's report, is back to an expansion spree and eyeing a $90 billion capex over next decade.

"During FY24, Adani group EBITDA (for listed cos) grew 40% YoY to ₹66,000 crore, with more than doubling of Adani Power's EBITDA on capacity addition, higher volumes, merchant contribution and lower imported coal prices. For other group companies, EBITDA growth was in the range of 16-33%, except Adani Wilmar which saw a YoY fall," said Jefferies report.

As per the report, Adani Enterprises' 29% YoY EBITDA growth was led by jump in new incubating businesses (ANIL/ solar, airports) and IRM trading business. Adani (Ambuja) Cement's EBITDA scale up was led by uptick in unit EBITDA.

Adani Port's growth was led by 24% growth in volume; Adani Green: 33% EBITDA growth was driven by 2.8GW capacity addition and 100bps higher CUF; Adani Energy: 16% EBITDA driven by new line addition; Adani Total Gas' 27% YoY growth was driven by 15% volume growth and gross margin expansion aided by lower gas costs. Adani Wilmar's EBITDA fell YoY due to inventory losses (dip in oil prices) and misalignment of hedges.

Jefferies said the leverage ratio improved to a multi-year low at group level. Adani's high debt levels have always been a point of concern. "Net debt at the group level (8 firms + debt related to cement business acquisition) remained stable at ₹2.2 lakh cr in FY24 vs ₹2.3 lakh cr. Net debt/EBITDA improved materially to 3.3x FY24 EBITDA vs 5x YoY. ," said Jefferies.

Adani Ports to operate terminal at Tanzania's Dar

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

EXPANDING its international reach, Adani International Ports Holdings (AIPH), a wholly owned subsidiary of Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ), has signed a 30-year concession agreement with the Tanzania Ports Authority to operate and manage Container Terminal 2 at the Dar es Salaam Port, Tanzania. Dar es Salaam Port is a gateway port with a well-connected network of roadways and railways.

CT2, with four berths, has an annual cargo handling capacity of 1 million TEUs and managed 0.82 million TEUs of containers in 2023, estimated to be 83% of Tanzania's total container volumes.

COMPANY DISPUTE

Saluja denies insider trading, high pay allegations

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

AMID the ongoing battle with the Dabur Group promoter -- Burman family – over the control of Religare Enterprises (REL), chairman of REL Rashmi Saluja on Friday refuted allegations of insider trading as well as disproportionate salary being drawn by her.

Saluja said that no written or verbal communication by any member of the Burman family or its representative was made to her on the proposed open offer, and that there was no chance of her or the REL management of knowing about the Burman family's intentions when she sold shares of the company.

Though she said that Anand Burman, the former chairman of the Dabur group and Arjun Lamba, a representative of the family, met her on 20th September 2023, but no information on the open offer was shared during the meeting.

"If they wanted to inform me in my capacity (as chairman of REL), then the only way you can inform is by writing a letter which they have been writing subsequent to that. There was never a written communication or verbal communication to myself or to the board at all," said Saluja in a media briefing in New Delhi on Monday.

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Rashmi Saluja, REL chairman

The Burman family had on 28th September announced the Rs 2,116-crore open offer to acquire up to 26% additional stake in the REL. Burman Family has a 25% stake in the company.

Burmans have alleged that Saluja possessed crucial price-sensitive information about the open offer, but did not disclose the same to stock exchanges before selling 2.71 million shares worth ₹43 crore between March 26 and 28.

On the allegation that she received a compensation of ₹500 crore including ESOPs of listed and unlisted group companies, Saluja said the she being the executive chairman of the group her remunerations get approved by special resolution. "There has not been a single time that it (compensation) has not been disclosed. There can be nothing under the table, every time it (compensation) has been given to the shareholders, and it has been approved with a special resolution," she said, adding that she was reappointed (as chairman) by the shareholders with the absolute majority, on 27 September.

On insurance regulator –IRDAI – rejecting the board of Care Health Insurance proposal to offer Rs 350-crore ESOPs to Saluja, the executive chairman of REL clarified that the ESOP was granted to her as an employee of REL, which owns Care Health.

IRDAI in May 2022 had rejected the ESOPs proposal by Care Health Insurance board citing Saluja is largely a non-executive director in the company. However, the Care board proceeded with granting the Esops under the premise of Saluja's employment with Religare Enterprises rather than her role at Care.

TCS chairman says AI empowers each employee; boost their productivity

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

ARTIFICIAL Intelligence (AI) will empower every employee to perform at a higher level or productivity, Tata Sons chairman N Chandrasekaran said at the group's IT services arm TCS' 29th Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Friday.

"Gen AI will have a significant impact on nearly every sector and country in future. All industries will witness higher productivity. Enterprises have already invested in cloud, data infrastructure and large processing power which will aid AI/ Gen AI. Gen AI will not only improve productivity, but also create impact we hitherto have not seen or imagined," he added.

Tata Group firms are executing more than 100 GenAI projects. "In the Tata Group, we are in the midst of executing 100+ Gen AI projects which are demonstrating tangible business impact on customer experience, productivity and efficiency," he said.

In ecommerce, Gen AI is being used to generate product catalogs, deliver conversational shopping experience and provide personalised offers.

In manufacturing, Gen AI is enabling shop floor workers to troubleshoot complex equipment by asking questions in their native languages, thereby improving productivity, he added.

In FY24, TCS consolidated AI and cloud expertise with the creation of the AI.Cloud unit. The IT services firm has upskilled more than 3 lakh employees on Gen AI technologies and the company's products and services are also being enhanced with AI capabilities.

AI trends transforming retail: Walmart

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

"THE new era of 'Adaptive Retail' is here. A world that is beyond eCommerce and stores—giving rise to a single, unified shopping experience. AI and GenAI are integral to this journey—powering more interconnected and frictionless customer experiences," said Balu Chaturvedula, SVP & Country Head, Walmart Global Tech.

Speaking at Walmart's Artificial Conference- AI @ Walmart in Bengaluru on Friday, he said, "While we are excited about the possibilities of AI, we are also clear about our path."

At the event, industry leaders and academicians spoke about the latest AI trends transforming retail and beyond.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

A/c No. HL 38831348804, Suraksha 38837063796

WHEREAS, The Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, RACPC, Yelahanka, Bengaluru under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **05.03.2024** calling upon the borrower **Sri.Manjunathan Krishna** S/o Sri.Sunderaj Krishna to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.40,46,421/-** (Rupees Forty Lakh Forty Six Thousand Four Hundred Twenty One Only) as on 03.03.2024 along with further interest at contractual rate from 04.03.2024 together with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/mortgager having failed to repay the amount as mentioned in the Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the borrower/mortgager and the public in general that the undersigned, being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, RACPC, Yelahanka, Bengaluru has taken possession of the property, described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002, on **30.05.2024.**

The borrower/mortgager in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.41,29,803/-** (Rupees Forty One Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Three Only) as on 16.05.2024 and further interest at contractual rate from 17.05.2024 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc thereon.

The borrower/mortgager's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.96, Old BBMP Katha No.819/6/3/96, New BBMP Katha No.436/819/6/3/96, formed out of converted Sy. No.6/3, situated at K.Narayanapura Village, (BDS Nagar), K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, comes within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, converted from agricultural to Non-agricultural residential purpose vide Order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR.(SA)135/2001-02 dated 03.09.2011, passed by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances there on and measuring East to West: 45 feet and North to South: 30 feet, total area 1,350 Sq. feet, standing in the name of Sri. Manjunathan.K S/o Sri.S.Krishna and bounded on :East by : Private Property, West by : Road, North by : Private Property, South by : Site No.97.

Sd/- Authorised Officer& Chief Manager
State Bank of India,
RACPC, Yelahanka, Bengaluru

Place:Bengaluru
Date: 30.05.2024

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Stressed Assets Recovery Branch
No.11/90, 3rd Floor, Opp. Trust Well Hospital,
J C Road, Bengaluru - 560 002. Phone: 080- 25943678, 25943663
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APPENDIX IV
(Under Rule 8(1)
POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property)

Account No: HTL-39974118177

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized officer of the State Bank of India under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 OF 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **04.01.2024** and calling upon Borrower/s **1) Smt.Prameela Chandra** W/o Sri.Puttur Chandrachari No.18, Sri.Ganesha Nilaya, 1st Cross, 1st Main, Chunchughatta Main Road, Srinidhi Layout, J P Nagar, Bangalore-560078 And also at: i) Flat No.110, Sy.No.12/1, Ground Floor in Tower II, "Mahaveer Orchids, Rayasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560099 ii) S G Collections, No.102, Ground Floor, 3rd Cross, Old Bank Colony, Vishveshwaraiah Bank, Chunchughatta Main Road, Bangalore-560062 iii) No.578, Srigandadakaval, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore-560072 iv) No.3-34/1, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085 v) No.134, 2nd Floor, 6th C Main, 4th Block, Jayanagara, Bangalore-560011, vi) No.3-41, Kothanennur, Ramachandrapuram, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh-517561 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **Rs.73,74,094/-** (Rupees Seventy three lakhs seventy four thousand ninety four only) as on 03.01.2024 + interest from 04.01.2024 + incidental charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower(s)/mortgager(s)/guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount demanded as per Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s)/mortgager(s)/guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **27.05.2024**

The borrower(s)/mortgager(s)/guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.76,80,973/-** (Rupees Seventy six lakhs eighty thousand nine hundred and seventythree only) as on 23.05.2024 and interest from 24.05.2024 plus expenses thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

Schedule "A" Property (Entire Property)

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing Survey. No.12/1, measuring 2 Acres 36 Guntas, situated at Rayasandra Village, SarjapuraHobli, Anekal Taluk, duly converted, vide Official Memorandum bearing No.ALN (AS) SR 19/2008-09, dated 18.10.2008, issued by the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore and the same is bounded on the: East by : Property of Obamma and Krishna Reddy in Survey No.12/2, West by : Property in Survey No. 10 and 11, North by: Road, South by : Remaining portion in same Survey No.12/1.

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing Survey.No. 12/1, measuring 1 Acre 22 Guntas, situated at Rayasandra Village, SarjapuraHobli, Anekal Taluk, duly converted, vide Official Memorandum bearing No.ALN (AS) SR 19/2008-09, dated 18.10.2008, issued by the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore.

Item No.3: All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing Survey. No.12/1, measuring 1 Acre 23 Guntas, situated at Rayasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, duly converted, vide Official Memorandum bearing No.ALN (AS) SR 19/2008-09, dated 18.10.2008, issued by the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore.

Both the Item No.2 and Item No.3 properties are together bounded on the: East by: Property of Gopal Reddy in Survey No.13, West by: Property in Chikkananja Reddy Survey No.12/1, North by : Road, South by: Halla.

The entire Schedule "A" Property now bears amalgamated Khatha No.78/12/1 and 12/2 duly issued by the Shanthipura Grama Panchayath, Anekal Taluk.

Schedule "B" Property (Description of undivided interest in the land herein) All that piece an parcel of the undivided right, title and interest in land measuring **486 Square Feet** out of the Schedule "A" Property.

Schedule "C" Property (Description of the property hereby conveyed to the Purchaser): All that piece and parcel of residential apartment Unit No.110, having E-Khatha No.150200100500320185, measuring super built up area of 1085 Square Feet, situated in Ground Floor in Tower II in the residential apartment/building known as "Mahaveer Orchids", constructed in the Schedule "A" Property, finished with vitrified floors, ceiling and walls between units jointly belonging to such apartment owners equally, along with all civic amenities like water, electricity and sanitary facilities, together with proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lift/s, staircase/s, amenities and other areas of common use etc., with one covered car parking bearing No.110 in the basement floor and the flat is held in the name of "**Smt.Prameela Chandra**" and the said apartment is bounded on the: East by: Set Back, West by : Passage, North by : Duct and Stair Case, South by : Duct and Flat No.112.

Sale Deed dated 08.02.2021 is registered in favour of **Smt.Prameela Chandra** in the office of Sub- Registrar, Basavanagudi, Bangalore in Book Bo.1 under Document No.BSG-1-06828/2020-21 dated 08.02.2021

Sd/- Authorised Officer & Chief Manager
State Bank of India,
SARB, Bengaluru.

Place:Bengaluru
Date: 27.05.2024

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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Website: www.bda.bangalore.org

No: BDA/RMP-2041/386/2024-25 **Date: 30-05-2024**

Tender for selection of Agency to provide Services for Drone Survey Based 3D Model Generation for BDA Area (excluding BBMP Area)
(Through E-Procurement Only)

BDA is engaged in preparation of Revised Master Plan-2041 for Bengaluru City Local Planning Area. BDA proposes to engage the Services of an Agency, selected through e-Tender process to provide Services for **Drone Survey Based 3D Model Generation for Bengaluru City Local Planning Area (excluding BBMP Area).**

Tender document containing details of eligibility criteria, scope of work and other terms and conditions may be obtained from the website of e-Procurement Department, Government of Karnataka. The Last Date for Submission of Tenders at **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in is 15-06-2024 at 5.30 PM.** BDA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals without assigning any reason, whatsoever.

Sd/- Commissioner
Bangalore Development Authority, Bengaluru.

Can Fin Homes Ltd

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APPENDIX- IV-A
[See proviso to rule 9(1)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable property

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor,the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Uttarahalli Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **21/06/2024,** for recovery of **Rs.87,32,483/-** (Rupees Eighty Seven Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty Three Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Sri.Santosh Tiwari & Smt.Asha Tiwari (Borrowers)**as on 31/05/2024, together with further interest and other charges thereon.

The reserve price will be **Rs.23,00,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.2,30,000/-** (Rupees Two Lakhs Thirty Thousand Only)

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Flat No.G3, Ground floor,**"Suraj Lakshmi Apartments"** at property No.56/2, Present Katha No.56/2, PID No.59-30-2/2, present municipal No. 2/3, 1st Main road, Tata Silk Farm, Yediyur, Bangalore, now comes under the limits of BBMP, Yadiyur Ward No.59 having Super built up area of 483 Sq ft, UDS of land admeasuring 90 Sq ft out of 4000 Sq ft (measuring East to West 80 feet and North to South 50 feet) and bounded as follows : East by : Property No.57/1, West by : Flat No.4, North by : Main Road, South by : Flat No.2

Encumbrance: Nil

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx). Link for participating in e-auction :https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net

Sd/-
Date: 31.05.2024 **Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru Can Fin Homes Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informs that my Clients **Smt. Rathnamma**, W/o late Shivappa, K.N. Govinda Raju S/o late Narayanappa, K.N. Nagaraju S/o late Narayanappa, Smt. Yellamma W/o late Narayanaswamy – Father-in-law of late Ramappa, Smt. Rathnamma D/o late Ramappa, Sri. Vijayakumar S/o late Ramappa, Sri. Srinivasaiah S/o late Krishnappa and Sri. Raghu S/o late Krishnappa all are Residing at Kodathi Colony,kodathi. Sarjapura Main Road, Karmalaram Post, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru District, my clients are the absolute owners in peaceful, lawful, physical possession and enjoyment of the land bearing Old Sy.No.90, New Sy.No.90/1, 90/2, 90/3 in all totally measuring 4 acre 10 guntas excluding karab of 14 guntas situated at Kodathi Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, bounded on: **East by :** Sy.No.89 and Land belongs Kumbara Krishnappa, **West by :** Sy No 186, **North by :** Land belongs to Dodda Ramaiah and Private Property, **South by :** Gomala Land and Government Road,

Originally the land bearing Sy.No.186 totally measuring 4 acres 6 guntas situated at Kodathi Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru District, was originally belongs to Maddurappa @ Doddamaddurappa.S/o.Guruva having acquired the same through his ancestors, after acquiring the above said property the said Maddurappa @ Doddamaddurappa and his family members have been continued in peaceful, lawful, physical possession and enjoyment of the same as absolute owners thereof and all the revenue records were standing in his name and also paying tax to the concerned authorities regularly. After death of Maddurappa @ Doddamaddurappa his legal heirs have been continued in peaceful, lawful, physical possession and enjoyment of the same as absolute owners thereof and also paying tax to the concerned authorities regularly.

Venkatapathi S/o late Muniyellappa @ Chikkamuniyellappa, Shankarappa S/o late Muniyellappa @ Chikkamuniyellappa and Narayanaswamy S/o late Muniyellappa @ Chikkamuniyellappa was the absolute owners of the land bearing Sy.No.90 measuring 4 acres 10 guntas excluding karab of 14 guntas situated at Kodathi Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru District, having acquired the same through their ancestors and they have been continued in peaceful, lawful, physical possession and enjoyment of the same as absolute owners thereof and also paying tax to the concerned authorities regularly.

Subsequently Smt. Gowramma W/o late Narayanappa, Kalamma W/o late Ramappa and Krishnappa S/o late Maddurappa @ Doddamaddurappa and Venkatapathi S/o late Muniyellappa @ Chikkamuniyellappa, Shankarappa S/o late Muniyellappa @ Chikkamuniyellappa and Narayanaswamy S/o late Muniyellappa @ Chikkamuniyellappa have mutually at the intervention of well wishers, their family convenience and their possession of the same, both the parties have decided to exchange their above properties against each other, in this regard both the parties have entered into Regd. Exchange Deed dt. 25.05.2006 Vide Document No.BAS-1-04734/2006-07 CD No.BASD/244 which is registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, in the said Exchange deed the land bearing Sy.No.186 measuring 4 acres 6 guntas was transferred/exchange in favour of Venkatapathi and others, similarly the land bearing Sy.No.90 measuring 4 acres 10 guntas excluding karab of 14 guntas was transferred/exchange to Smt. Gowramma and others and after acquiring the said properties both the parties have been continued in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the same as absolute owners thereof and they got transferred the katha and other related records in their favour from the concerned revenue authorities. on the basics of the said Exchange deed, Subsequently, our clients have partitioned through a Regd. Partition Deed dt.9.4.2009 Vide Document No. VRT-1-00130/2009-10 CD No.VRTD44 which is registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Varthur, Bengaluru, in respect of the land bearing Sy.No.90 measuring 4 acres 10 guntas excluding karab of 14 guntas situated at Kodathi Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru District. In the said partition deed 'A' schedule property has been allotted to the share of Gowramma, 'B' schedule property allotted to the share of Smt. Kallamma, 'C' schedule property allotted to the share of Muniyamma, presently Gowramma, Kallamma and Muniyamma are no more and now their legal heirs have been continued in peaceful, lawful, physical possession and enjoyment of the same as absolute owners thereof without any hindrance and they have got transferred the katha and other related records in their favour on the basics of the said registered partition deed, and also paying the tax to the concerned authorities regularly.

Now it has come to our clients notice that some third parties with an intention to make wrongful gain at our clients cost and their family members have created some fake documents in respect of the land bearing Sy.No.90 along with new Sub Sy.Nos.90/1, 90/2, 90/3 measuring 4 acres 10 guntas excluding karab of 14 guntas behind back of our clients and are trying to sell the above properties in favour of third parties. Without knowledge of our claints, Hence, the intending buyers of the above properties /public are hereby informed that in the event if they purchase the above properties / enter into any sort of sale transactions on the basis of fake documents, the same are nothing but illegal one and the at their cost and risk since our clients are the absolute/lawful owners of the above properties and they have been possession and enjoyment of the same as absolute owner thereof, except our clients, there were no other third parties have no manner of right, title or interest over the properties in question, our clients are not responsible for the same and our clients will take suitable legal action against those who are involved in illegal transactions concerning to the above properties before the appropriate of law.

V. MUNIRAJU, Advocate
No.16, FOF 401, 4th Floor, Victory Avenue Building, RD Complex, Hospital Road-53.
Mob: No.:9448212412

LOST CERTIFICATE

I, **SANAL KARIPPAL KURIAKOSE,** S/o. P M Kuriakose, R/at #454, C/o. Bovan Thomas, 2nd D Main Road, MES Road, Sharadamba Nagar, Muthyalanagar, Gokula Extension, Mathikere, Bengaluru 560054, have irretrievably lost my original B.H.M Bangalore University Convocation Certificate (Reg.No.07D2233) on 24/05/2024. Complaint lodged on 30/05/2024 vide LR No.1076461/2024. If anyone found please contact Mob:7994621058 vide Affidavit Dt:: 30/05/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **P. Vittalnatha Reddy,** aged about 48 years, S/o P. Changa Reddy & P. Vidya Nath Reddy, aged about 46 years, S/o P Changa Reddy, both are residing at No 10, 32nd Main, 5th Cross, Dollars Colony, BTM Layout 1st stage, Bangalore-68 have proposed to purchase the Schedule property from Smt. Meera Bai, W/o Sri. D N Ravi Shankar and Sri. K Lakshminarayana Moorthy S/o Sri. K. Kuppaswamy Chetty the Schedule Property That if any person/s, Bank/s, Authorities has/have any objections for the proposed sale transaction or claims any kind whatsoever on the schedule property may lodge their claims/objections with documentary proof **within (10) Ten days** from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned failing which thereafter my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction and any claims received thereafter will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential Vacant Site property bearing Site No. 18, BBMP Municipal No. 18, BBMP PID No. 65-49-18, Situated at BTM Layout, Sy. No. 34, Madivala 1st Stage, Ward No. 65, Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, measuring East to West 22.25 meters and North to South 12.19 meters, in all measuring 271.22 Square meters, and bounded on: **East by:** Site No. 28 and 29, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No. 19, **South by:** Site No. 17.

A.P. LAW ASSOCIATES
No. 1642/28, 3rd Main, 1st Cross, Ramamohanpuram Near Srirampuram Metro Station, (Behind Devaiah Park) Bengaluru-560020.
Mob:7975989897/9844378777.
Date: 31.05.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **Sri Varun Gupta,** S/o. Sri. **Subhash Chandra Gupta** and **Smt. Archana Gothi,** W/o. Sri. Varun Gupta proposed to purchase the Schedule property from Smt. Radha Rukmangadda W/o. Late. Rukmangadda and her daughter namely Druthishree R and Divyashree R, That if any person/s, Bank/s, Authorities has/have any objections for the proposed sale transaction or claims any kind whatsoever on the schedule property may lodge their claims/objections with documentary proof **within (7) Seven days** from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned failing which thereafter my clients shall proceed to complete the sale transaction and any claims received thereafter will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

In respect of Residential Villa bearing No. 05, including all fittings, furniture and other movable and immovable items, in the complex known as "PRESTIGE SUMMER FIELDS" Apt Bhoganahalli, in C Type, measuring Super built up area of **4201 Sq., Ft.,** and UDS of 3869 Sq., Ft., constructed on property bearing Sy. Nos. 118, 115, 117, 114/5, 114/6, 114/3, 114/2, 128/1, Katha Nos. 245, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 262, PID No. 258/5, situated at Bhoganahalli Village, VarthurHobli, Bengaluru East Taluk and bounded as per layout plan: **East by :** Villa No.06, **West by :** Villa No.04, **North by :** 9.50 Meters Road, **South by:** Villa No.55.

A. P LAW ASSOCIATES
No. 1642/28, 3rd Main, 1st Cross, Ramamohanpuram Near Srirampura Metro Station, (Behind Devaiah Park) Bengaluru-560021.
Mob:-9844378777/6362583397
Client Mob No. +91 78386 45473
Date: 31.05.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owners, namely, **Sri.HARISH JAYANTILAL MOMAYA** S/o Sri.Jayantilal Momaya and his wife **Smt.MEENA HARISH MOMAYA,** residing at Flat No.A-902, Raheja Residency, Plot No.24/26, Near M.G.Complex, Sector-14, Vashi, Thane, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra-400703.

Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Commercial property bearing Municipal No.28, PID No.30-2-28, measuring East to West 17¾ ft and North to South 68 ft, in all measuring 1207 Sq.ft., with a building thereon, situated at Old Tharagupet, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Property No.27
West by : Shop of Singam Rangaswamappa
North by : Old Tharagupet Road
South by : Municipal open land (Cart-Stand)

Sd/- **S.F. GOUTAM CHAND**
Advocate
GOUTAM ASSOCIATES
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.

Can Fin Homes Ltd

Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: Canara Bank)
K R Puram Branch

No. 414, Pooja Complex,Old Madras Road, K R Puram, Bangalore – 560039,
Tel No. 080-25619333/ 7625079185,
Email Id: krpuram@canfinhomes.com
CIN: L85110KA1987PLC008699

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
[proviso to rule 8(6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., K R Puram Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **09-07-2024** , for recovery of **Rs. 46,44,000/-** (Rupees Forty Six Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mr.Deepak Shetty B C and Mrs.Rathna C Shetty** (Borrowers) and **Mrs.B C Rakshitha Shetty** (Guarantors), as on 31-05-2024 , together with further interest and other charges thereon.

The reserve price will be **Rs. 28,00,000/-**(Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.2,80,000/-** (Rupees Two Lakh Eighty Thousand Only)

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing FLat No.404, in Third Floor, "Devi Mathrushree" situated at Portion of Site No.1,2 And Site No.3,Old Katha No.42 And 44, Present BBMP Katha No.52/A/42/44/1, 2 &3, Uattarahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli,Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore-560061 Having Super Built Up Area 820 Sq Feet Along With Undivided Share of 205 Sq Ft and bounded on: East by : Flat No. 405, West by :Flat No..403, North by :Entrance Corridor , South by :Open Space

Encumbrances : Nil

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx).Link for participating in e-auction : https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net.

Sd/-
Date: 31.05.2024 **Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru Can Fin Homes Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public that my client **Sri. Ravichandran S S/o Late A Sundara Raju.** has entered in to sale agreement dated 23-10-2018 from its owners **(Vendors) Smt.Uma & Others.** with respect to property bearing Sy.No.18. measuring 3900 Square Feet. situated at Venkateshapura Village. Yelahanka Hobli. Bengaluru North Thaluk. Bengaluru for valuable consideration. On 31-05-2024 at 2.30 PM my client has lost **original sale agreement dated 23-10-2018** at Near Xerox Shop. Near Jakkur Circle. Nadakacheri Office. Bengaluru-560064 while travelling by his two wheeler. My client to that effect has also lodged a complaint before the police station Amruthahalli, Bangaluru. **vide lost report No.1078998/2024, dt 31-05-2024.** If any person/s has found the above mentioned **original sale agreement dt 23-10-2018,** it may be handed over to the undersigned for which they will be rewarded.

B.R.Vijaya Prakash, BA LLB.
Shalu P, BA LLB.
Advocates
556, 1st Floor, 15th Cross, 60 feet Road, Opp. Vodafone Store, Sahakaranagar, Bengaluru-92
Ph : 9900721343
Bengaluru Date: 31-05-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general Public is hereby informed that **Sri. NARESH KUMAR .H, S/o Sri.Heera Chand,** Aged about 51 years, Residing at # 53, Khadhi Commission, H.B.C.S. Layout, Vivekananda Nagar, BSK 3 rd Stage, Bengaluru-85. Aadhar No. 448549540558, represents that he is the absolute owner and in actual possession of property bearing site No.46, formed in Sy.No.37/1B1, "TRILOK VILLAS AND APARTMENTS" BDA approved Layout, situated Kenchenahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring East to West: 13.72 mtrs. and North to South: 9 mtrs., totally measuring 123.48 sq.mtrs., BDA PID No.6000071432, bounded on East by: 9 meter Road, West by: Site No.51, North by: Site No.45 and South by: Site No.47, has agreed to sell the above said property. My clients are intending to purchase the said property, if any person has any objections for the sale of the above said property or such other claim over it, the same may be lodged in writing with supporting documents at the following address **within FIFTEEN DAYS** from the date of publication of this Notice. If there are no objections or claims, etc. received within the time stipulated above it would be deemed that there are no objections for the sale of the same and purchasing said property by my clients is free from all encumbrances.

P. Reddy Nagendra Kumar, Advocate,
No.1/4, 1st Floor, Appu Rao Road,
Chamarajpet, Bangalore-18.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that, my Client **Sri. SURE CHALAPATHI** S/o. Achaiah Shetty, Residing at No.139, New NO:104 at 7th Main Road, 4th Block Jayanagar, Bangalore.Has lost the original Sale Deed dated 07.05.1981with vide Document No:686/1981-82, Volume 605 Book-1, Registered at the office of Sub-Registrar,Jayanagar, Bangalore pertaining to the below mentioned Schedule Property. The said document is not in the possession of my client and the same has been intimated to the Jurisdictional Police. Whoever is in possession of the same hereby requested to hand over it to the below mentioned address. If anyone deals with such persons on the Schedule Property, shall be doing so at his/her own risk and consequences and the same shall not be binding on my Client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of Site No.139,New NO:104BBMP PID NO:60-158-104 situated at 7th Main Road 4th Block which now comes under jurisdiction of ward No:60-Pattabhiramnagar, Jayanagar Bangalore measuring East to West 90-0" feet, North to South 45-0 feet in all 4050 Sq Ft together with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface. and bounded on: **EAST BY:** 7TH MAIN ROAD, **WEST BY:** SITE NO. 142, **NORTH BY:** SITE NO. 138, **SOUTH BY :**SITE NO. 140

Sri B.B. SUDHIR, Advocate
No. 334, 09th Main, 14th Cross, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560038.
Mob:98450 22593

THE BANGALORE CITY CO-OP. BANK LTD.,

ESTD: 1907

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE: NO. 3, Pampamahakahvi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore -18.
Office: 26678572 : 26600512: 26609066. Tele Fax: (080) 26617980

(Rule 8 (1) POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property) (Symbolically)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd., A.O., No.3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued and demand notice calling upon the undersigned borrowers/ legal heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers /legal heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers /legal heirs and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rule.

The borrowers / legal heirs in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd., A.O., No.3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sl.No.	Name of the Loanee	Balance Outstanding	Particulars of Immovable Property & Measurement
AVALAHALLI BRANCH			
01	Smt. Puttachannamma (Deceased) Legal Heirs :- 1. Narashimaswamy. M (Son), 2. Shivaligna. M (Son) , 3. Smt. Savithri. (Daughter) 4. Smt. Vijayalakshmi. (Daughter)	Demand Notice Dated : 22.03.2024 Possession Notice Dated : 27.05.2024 Balance outstanding : Rs. 8,87,973/- as on : 27.05.2024	Property & Measurement :- **House Property bearing No.1129/9/45, 17th Main Road, Srinagar, BSK 1st Stage, Bangalore** Measuring: **East to West : 4.65+4.82 Mtrs & North to South : 13.30 Mtrs** 2 East by : **Site No.1129.** West by : **Road.** North by : **Road.** South by : **Site No.1130.**
02	Smt. Gayathri	Demand Notice Dated : 22.03.2024 Possession Notice Dated: 27.05.2024 Balance outstanding: Rs. 1,02,41,615/- as on : 27.05.2024	Property & Measurement :- **No.05, Old No. 2/1, Old Site No. 1095, Plot No. 1095/2, 10th Main, Sri. Ranga Rao Road, BBMP Ward No. 52 & New Ward No.155of Hanumanthanagar, PIDNo.52-6-5,Bengaluru.** Measuring: **East to West : 40 feet & North to South : 30 feet** East by: **Private property of Smt.Venkatamma 3rd Party** West by: **Road,** Northby: **Common Passage 40X5 feet Passage** Southby: **Private property**

Date: 31.05.2024
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
The Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Ltd.,

LOST

I, **Mr. ROYDEN NOEL LOBO, have lost/misplaced Original Sale Deed Regd.No.YAN-1-16968-2005-06, Dated-15-03-2006, Book-I, Stored in CD No.YAND178, Registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru, is lost or misplaced while travelling from my house which is in Clock Road to Richards Town, Bengaluru and I have lodge a police complaint, if the Original Sale Deed found please contact at No. 9987126594.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public my client **Sri. G.Shivakumar, S/o Late Y.GopalaKrishna,** Aged about 29 years, R/at No.15, 1st Cross, Anjaneya Temple Street, Adugodi, Bangalore–560030, has lost the registered Sale Deed dated 13.09.2000, [1] Sri Venkataswami Reddy, S/o Late Sri Chinnappa, [2] Smt. Rukmaniyamma, W/o Sri Venkataswami Reddy [S/o Late Sri Chinnappa], [3] Sri B.V. Naggabhushan, S/o Sri Venkataswami Reddy, [4] Sri B.V. Narendra, S/o Sri Venkataswami Reddy, [5] Sri C. Ramesh, S/o Late Sri Chinnappa Reddy, [6] Smt. Ambika, W/o Sri C. Ramesh, represented by their GPA Holder Sri C.S. Purushotham, S/o Late Sri C.V. Srinivasa Rao, in favour of Mr. Elias Rodrigues, S/o Mr. Thomas Rodrigues registered as document No.4912/2000-01 of Book I, volume 4632, at pages 120 to 130 registered before the Sub registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, with respect to immovable residential property bearing Gramatana House List No.119, Khatha No.639, formed in converted land in Sy.No.96/2, vide conversion order Dated 19.02.1994 No.B.Dis/ALN/SR[S]/341/1992-93 issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, [Revenue], Bengaluru District, Bengaluru, situated at Greens Glen Layout, Bellandur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, presently comes under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.150, BBMP Khatha No.613/623/ 639/119, measuring East to West 49 Feet and North to South 65+60/2 Feet, totally Measuring 3063 Square Feet, and bounded on: **East** :Site No.118, **West** : Site No.120,**North** : Private Property, **South** : 30 Feet Road. Any person who found the above document may kindly hand over the same to the undersigned. In case if anybody misuse the above said sale deed document, my client is not held responsible for the same.

Also anyone having any manner of right, title interest or claim over the same may write to the undersigned together with the documents evidencing the same, with the undersigned within **10 days** of the publication of this notice, failing which it will be deemed that the above property is free from any claims/ encumbrances whatsoever.

LAKSHMANA.M.
Advocate, No.168, 3rd Floor, Pooja Complex, 1st Cross, Kilari Road, Bangalore – 560 053

ADVOCATE GENERAL PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, whereas I am **Imran .A,** Advocate by profession. One of the clients Anthony Joseph has come to my Office with regard to filing of a Suit before the Hon'ble Civil Court and in this regard, the said Anthony Joseph has handed over the Original Sale Deed and Encumbrance Certificate of his property to me. That on 10/07/2023, I took the original Sale Deed Document No. BNS-1-14877/2022-23, Book-1, Stored in CD No. BNSD1668 (containing 1 to 19 pages), and Encumbrance Certificate to the Hon'ble Civil Court, K.G. Road, Bengaluru to enquire regarding the Court Fee, due to overload of work, I have misplaced the said Original Sale Deed and Encumbrance Certificate in the Hon'ble City Civil

England overwhelm Pak in final T20

Reigning champions England produced a fine all-round display as they beat Pakistan by seven wickets at The Oval in their last competitive match before they begin the defence of their T20 World Cup title. England restricted Pakistan to 157 and then went on to chase down the target with ease and clinched the T20 series 2-0. **Phil Salt** (45) was the top scorer for the victors.

The arch rivals, original rivals and disruptors

India and Pakistan will be competing with Ireland, United States and Canada in Group A. A look...

USA

Strengths: They are coming into the WC on the back of series wins against Canada and Bangladesh. The number of experienced players, albeit from different leagues and countries, will come in handy, especially in this format.

Drawbacks: Once again, experience will come into play. That this is their debut World Cup could catch up to them, especially against big teams like India and Pakistan. However, they might have a chance against Ireland and Canada.

WCs won: Nil.

SCHEDULE

Jun 1: vs Canada; **Jun 6:** vs Pak

Jun 12: vs India; **Jun 14:** vs Ireland

PAKISTAN

Strengths: They are a side filled with match-winners and have reached the semifinal and final of the last two T20 WCs. In Azam Khan, Iftikhar Ahmed and Imad Wasin, they have a strong middle-order. However, they will need a lot more from captain Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan.

Drawbacks: Pakistan doing Pakistan things. A lot of unrest with the backroom issues and captaincy changes was not ideal in the lead-up to the World Cup. They will be relying on Shaheen Shah Afridi and Naseem Khan a lot in the bowling department.

WCs won: 2009

SCHEDULE

Jun 6: vs USA; **Jun 9:** vs India; **Jun 11:** vs Canada; **Jun 16:** vs Ireland

INDIA

Strength: The Rohit Sharma-led side has one of the best spin attacks in the WC. They have dynamic T20 batters like Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant and Shivam Dube in the middle backing up Virat Kohli at the top. More than anything else, they have Jasprit Bumrah.

Drawbacks: Although they look strong and aggressive on paper, India tend to get defensive in crunch situations. They will need both Rohit and Virat to let go of their inhibitions and bat aggressively through the tournament.

WCs won: 2007

SCHEDULE

Jun 5: vs Ireland; **Jun 9:** vs Pak; **Jun 12:** vs USA; **Jun 15:** vs Canada

IRELAND

Strengths: With the mix of experience and youth, the Paul Stirling-led side have their chance to put on a show in this format. The tri-series win featuring Netherlands and Scotland should give them a confidence boost.

Drawbacks: The conditions might not necessarily assist the pace-heavy side. A lot will depend on how the likes of Curtis Campher, Mark Adair and Josh Little step up during the tournament.

WCs won: Nil

SCHEDULE

Jun 5: vs India; **Jun 7:** vs Canada

Jun 14: vs USA; **Jun 16:** vs Pak

CANADA

Strengths: They are not too unfamiliar with the conditions. However, Canada will be depending on the likes of Kaleem Sana, Aaron Johnson who have excellent records in T20Is, but it will be interesting to see if they can step up in the WC.

Drawbacks: They have had little success against the USA and have not played against the two subcontinental giants. It will be a massive result for them to go back with a win or two.

WCs won: Nil

SCHEDULE

Jun 1: vs USA; **Jun 7:** vs Ireland

Jun 11: vs Pak; **Jun 15:** vs India

Cricket revisits starting point

In 1844, USA & Canada met in the first int'l fixture. **Kalyani Mangale** goes down memory lane before Saturday's tie

WORLD AFFAIR

BEGINS

The oldest international fixture in the sport, US vs Canada, aptly kick-starts another edition of the T20 World Cup. A look...

US HOLD EDGE

The US blanked Canada 4-0 during a recent five-match series in Canada. The likes of Monank Patel (second top run-scorer) and Harmeet Singh (joint leading wicket-taker) excelled in their roles.

WEATHER WATCH

Extreme weather has already ruined what was supposed to be a grand week of warm-up matches at Dallas. A giant screen erected for the benefit of the spectators has been gutted and the ground has taken in a lot of water. With a 'flood warning' in place for the area till Saturday afternoon, do not be surprised if the match is hit by rain or even called off.

6.00 AM, Dallas
Star Sports Networks

THE year was 1844. A famous French artist, Georges Seurat, was busy creating a painting, which would later be declared one of his masterpieces, "A Sunday on La Grande Jatte". Not so far away from France, in Vienna, Austria, the Waltz King of classical music, Johann Strauss II, was busy composing "Poems of the Senses or Epigrams". In India, the sentiments against their rulers were boiling below the surface, which ultimately led to a revolt a decade later.

However, mainland America was away from all of this. The USA was getting ready to vote in their 15th Presidential election in November of 1844. A month before the country could vote the 11th President, other history was in the making on the cricket fields in New York. That is when the United States of America faced the British Empire's Canadian Province in the world's first international cricket match in New York.

It was a time when, cricket, the sport brought to North America by British colonisers in the 1700s, was gaining traction. While the match was scheduled to happen in the Fall of 1844, this match could have easily been played four years earlier when St George's Cricket Club of New York received an invitation from one Mr Phillpotts to play a game against Toronto in Canada. The 18 cricket enthusiasts from New York actually carried out a strenuous journey only to realise they were duped and their opposition had no idea about this arrangement. However, the spirit of cricket prevailed as Toronto's side did field a team to face the visitors. The then Manhattan-based club won the fixture without losing a wicket.

ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP WEST INDIES & USA 2024 JUNE 1-29

A COUNTDOWN

Four years after this fixture, the American side extended the invitation from their side to Canadians to face the hosts in a game at the grounds of the St George's Cricket Club in New York on September 24 and 25, 1844. When it came to the match day, American players from clubs in Washington DC, Boston, and New York City – as well as Philadelphia – were part of the American team. Both teams contributed with umpires as Canada's John Conolly joined USA's Harry Russell and Robert Waller.

On September 26, it is believed that the game was scheduled to begin at 10 am local time but for some reason, it did not start at the prescribed time. USA won the toss and elected to field first and Canada were bowled out for 88. Samuel Wright Sr, the groundskeeper of the St George's Cricket Club, took five wickets for the USA. In reply, the hosts could not do much and ended their day with 61 runs on the board and only one wicket in hand. Rain prevented any play on day two (September 27) and there was no option but to extend the match to day three.

Canada took that one wicket by giving away two runs as the USA were bowled out for 63, giving their opponents a tiny lead. Wright once again came to the rescue in the second innings as he added four more wickets to his tally and Canada were bowled out for 83. With 82 runs required to create history, US folded against George Sharpe, who took six wickets to help Canada win by 23 runs. It is estimated that overall 20,000 spectators were in attendance at the first-ever international fixture.

Betting, as was the norm of the time, was a large part of this fixture. It is estimated that almost US$1,00,000 was bet on the fixture (close to US$4.18 mn USD in today's value when adjusted for inflation). This much betting happened for a match, with prize money of US$1000 (around US$41,000 today).

Cricket enjoyed immense popularity in USA till the Civil War of 1860s. Now, after almost 180 years since the first international, it feels poetic that the USA and Canada are scheduled to face each other in the first fixture of the T20 World Cup on Saturday night. In the WC with 20 teams fight, the only hope for cricket enthusiasts is that after this event, unlike 1844, cricket fandom in the USA catches fire and grows more and more.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Many ties sold out: ICC; 25% discount for USA's three home fixtures

GOMESH S @Chennai

EARLIER this week, US Cricket announced a 25 per cent discount in ticket rates for all group-stage matches the co-host features in (apart from the game against India). "In a bid to rally support and enthusiasm for Team USA's maiden outing on home soil, USA Cricket members across the nation are invited to take advantage of a special limited-time offer," a press release from the governing body stated. "Fans can now secure tickets for three home matches at a remarkable 23% discount, fostering an atmosphere of unity and fervour in backing the national team."

This continues the theme that there could be some empty seats for many games during the tournament. There were tickets still available for every game (including both semifinals and all four India group games) when this daily accessed the official ticketing website earlier this week (tickets.t20worldcup.com). However, the International Cricket Council (ICC) have refuted suggestions that matches will be played in front of empty seats.

In fact, the world governing body said that 'a number of matches are sold out'. "A number of matches are sold out whilst a number of others have very limited available inventory in either GA or hospitality and we are seeing similar sales trends to previous T20 World Cups across all games," an ICC spokesperson told this daily.

Before US Cricket's decision to radically slash ticket rates days before the event, there was some speculation that the ICC may have to relook their ticketing policy (tickets range from $6 to $10000). But the world body said that the ticket prices were set at a level that struck a balance between accessibility and an event of global stature in both the US and Caribbean markets. "We have also worked with the local cricket communities to ensure this important group are able to access games," the spokesperson said. "Like all global sporting events, there are a whole range of premium tickets available across the event which range from the best seats in the house with cricket legends, to cabanas to terraces with differing food and beverage packages with some including pre-game breakfast and a post-game champagne lunch with former players."

EXPRESS READ

Zverev absent as assault appeal opens

BERLIN: German tennis star Alexander Zverev was absent from court on Friday at the start of an appeal hearing in Berlin into allegations he assaulted his ex-girlfriend, which falls as he is competing in the French Open. Zverev received a 450,000-euro ($487,000) fine in October but has appealed the ruling.

Norway Chess: Pragg loses to Nakamura

STAVANGER: Indian Grandmaster R Vaishali continued her dream run to defeat veteran GM Pia Cramling of Sweden, while her brother R Praggnanandhaa went down fighting against Hikaru Nakamura of USA in the fourth round of the Norway chess tournament.

Treesa-Gayatri enter semifinals of Singapore Open

SINGAPORE: Indian women's doubles pair of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand beat the sixth-seeded South Korean duo of Kim So Yeong and Kong Hee Yong to enter the semifinals of Singapore Open here. The unseeded Indian duo came back from behind to notch 18-21, 21-19, 24-22 win. The Indian duo will be up against fourth-seeded Japanese pair of Nami Matsuyama and Chiharu Shida in the semifinals.

CL: THE GRAND FINALE

Real Madrid have the chance to extend their legacy while Borussia Dortmund can avenge the ghosts of 2013. A look at the Champions League final...

MADRID SEEK SIXTH TITLE SINCE 2014

When the European Cup began in the 1950s, Real Madrid dominated by winning the title in each of the first five years. When its domination waned in the noughties, a sort of desperation grew. The Spaniards identified themselves as European aristocrats and wanted to become serial winners again. They have done that by winning the Cup five times since 2014. They are now a win away from capturing it a record-extending 15th time.

DORTMUND'S CHANCE

When Dortmund, then under Jurgen Klopp, went to Wembley in 2013, they were an upwardly mobile side capable of upsetting the establishment. Against Bayern in the same venue, they came just short, losing 1-2. Eleven years later, they have the chance to go one better. They do not start favourites but do have players capable of coming up with the goods.

Jadon Sancho

REAL'S ATTACKING TRIO

Carlo Ancelotti's men have moved away from both Cristiano Ronaldo and Karim Benzema, two of their greatest goalscorers. In their place, they have added Vinicius Jnr and Jude Bellingham, two of their leading goalscorers this season. With a solid midfield behind them, both Bellingham and Vinicius will form attacking patters. In the company of Rodrygo, the trio can be a handful.

Jude Bellingham

12.30 AM on Sunday | Sony Sports Networks

BFI set to join WB, help sport into LA2028

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

IN a dramatic development, the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) has agreed to join the World Boxing, the newly-formed governing body. It was formed after the International Olympic Committee (IOC) refused to recognize International Boxing Association (IBA). This was announced on the sidelines of the World Olympic qualifiers being held in Bangkok.

The BFI, however, is saying that as far as tournaments go, they would like to continue participating in events organised by the IBA for the sake of boxers and the sport. It needs to be seen how IBA reacts to this.

Joining WB became imperative after IOC had said once again reiterated that National Federations affiliated with the IBA would not be allowed to feature at the Olympics. This newspaper has also highlighted the IOC statement after the IBA had announced prize-money for Olympic medalists at the Paris Games. The IOC had said: "any boxer whose National Federation adheres to the IBA, will not be able to participate in the Olympic Games LA28. The respective NOC will have to exclude such a National Boxing Federation from its membership."

BFI president Ajay Singh, during an interaction with select media, said that India had been in dialogue with the WB for a while and was mindful of IOC's stand on IBA and its members. Singh also highlighted IOC's statement during the conversation. However, for BFI, it was a tactical decision keeping in mind the boxers' benefits. In fact, WB chief, Boris van de Vorst, had visited India in May and had discussions with the BFI and the general assembly gave its nod. The WB was formed last year with an aim to keep boxing as part of the Olympic programme and even on Friday, the WB chief said that their main goal would be to reinstate boxing as soon as the LA Games (as it stands, the sport will miss out). The BFI will be pivotal for mobilizing the regional bloc. "This is a body that is promoted and supported by the IOC and I think it is our responsibility as a leading boxing power to ensure that we now strengthen the new body and make sure that we put the systems and processes in place and get other countries to join the body. Also ensure that this body helps boxing develop and grow in India and around the world," said Singh. "India expects to play a leading role in setting up the Asian Confederation of the WB and we also hope to host that Asian Confederation in New Delhi."

BFI chief Ajay Singh (left) and WB president Boris van der Vorst during the announcement on Friday | BFI

The WB has been in touch with the IOC, especially after the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) ruled against the IBA's recognition. In fact, the WB is meeting other countries in Bangkok where they have a lounge allocated to them at an IOC-conducted event.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Nishant bags Oly quota

Nishant Dev became the fourth boxer from the country to secure an Olympic quota on Friday. The 71kg boxer beat Moldova's Vasile Cebotari to reach the semifinals. Sachin Siwach (57kg) edged closer to that feat with a win over Samuel Kistohurry of France in the quarterfinals. Unlike the 71kg, which has a total of five quotas, Sachin's category is offering just three quotas. Amit Panghal (51kg), meanwhile, reached the quarterfinals. However, Sanjeet (92kg) lost to crash out. Ankushita Boro (60kg) and Arundhati Choudhary (66kg) also lost their respective fights to bow out.

Sharath full of hope ahead of Oly

KALYANI MANGALE @Chennai

Veteran table tennis player A Sharath Kamal, preparing to participate in his fifth Olympics in Paris, said he was "pretty surprised" at being named India's flagbearer at the Games ahead of the likes of Neeraj Chopra. The Indian Olympic Association's (IOA) decision to honor the Commonwealth and Asian Games medalist in March 2023 had met with criticism from the Tamil Nadu Athletics Association.

"Yes, I was pretty much surprised at first. When I was the flagbearer at the Commonwealth Games, there was immense joy and so much of pride," the 41-year-old said during an online media interaction. "When it was announced first, it was a bit hard to believe because there are people like

Neeraj Chopra who have won medals at the Olympics or who are expected to win... Beyond all of them, they thought about me. I do understand the thing behind that because of the timing of events for athletes. For me personally, getting there as a five-time Olympian, it really recognises the toil I have done over the years not just for myself but also for the table tennis fraternity," he added.

Ahead of the Olympics where both men's and women's teams will represent the sport for the first time, Kamal voiced his hope about this being India's golden opportunity to bag the medal in the event. "This is the first time we qualified for team events both men and women, and it's the right kind of boost for us. There is also the doubles rubber in the team in which Indian is very strong. Hopefully, in the team events... we are keeping our fingers crossed," Kamal said.

His preparation in the lead-up to Paris Olympics started in April. Six weeks of training was followed by four weeks of preparation in Europe. There will be two weeks of national training camp in India before he leaves for two weeks of tournaments in Africa and Asia.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Paavo Nurmi may be next stop for javelin ace Neeraj

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

AFTER skipping the Ostrava Golden Spike meet, Neeraj Chopra could make a return at the Paavo Nurmi Games on June 18. This could be his second international competition of the season after the Doha Diamond League on May 10. The 26-year-old javelin thrower, coach Klaus Bartonietz and physio Ishan Marwah are already at Kuortane in Finland for training. A final call might be taken closer to the event. He missed the Ostrava meet after he felt something in his adductor during training but said he was not injured and pulled out because he did not want "to take any risk during the Olympic year".

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Happy returns of the day for Iga

AGENCIES @Paris

REIGNING champion Iga Swiatek celebrated her 23rd birthday by brushing aside Marie Bouzkova to reach the French Open last 16 on Friday, while Coco Gauff eased into the second week for a fourth straight year and Jannik Sinner also powered through.

Sixth seed Andrey Rublev suffered a shock exit at the hands of unheralded Italian Matteo Arnaldi, losing his cool repeatedly as anger at his performance boiled over. Sinner saw off Russian Pavel Kotov 6-4, 6-4, 6-4. Later, Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas won his third-round match against China's Zhang Zhizhen 6-3, 6-3, 6-1.

Swiatek had to save a match point to avoid an upset defeat by fellow four-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka in a second-round thriller, but she was never in trouble during a 6-4, 6-2 win over Czech Bouzkova.

Poland's Iga Swiatek was also celebrating her 23rd birthday on the day | AP

"I feel good physically, I had a day off yesterday," said Swiatek. "I don't feel like the match (against Osaka) stayed with me but we'll see at the end of the tournament." Gauff held off a late fightback from Australian Open semifinalist Dayana Yastremska to win 6-2, 6-4. Ons Jabeur beat Canada's Leylah Annie Fernandez 6-4, 7-6 (5).

CLIMATE CHANGE

DEADLY HEAT AT THE DOOR

RECORD MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES ON MAY 29, 2024

1	Una	46
2	Shimla	31.7
2	Dehri	46.8
2	Gaya	47.4
1	Chandigarh	46
1	Rohtak	48.8
2	New Delhi *(Ridge)*	47.3
2	New Delhi *(Safdarjung)*	46.8
2	Narnaul	48.3
1	Fursatganj	47.2
2	Varanasi (A)	47.4
1	Prayagraj	48.8
2	Churk	47.0
2	Agra (Taj)	48
2	Alwar	47.5
2	Pilani	48.2
1	Karwar	38

● Rank since 1901 ■ Max Temp in degree Celsius

NUMBER OF HEATWAVE DAYS ARE SOARING

Month	Normal heatwave days	Actual heatwave days	Per cent increase
● April	71	118	66%
● May	92	133*	45%

*Till May 26, 2024 Source: IMD

Commuters cover their heads with scarves to shield themselves from the scorching sun on a hot summer day, in Prayagraj on Thursday | ANI

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

WHEN the thermometer at Delhi's meteorological station in Mungeshpur read 52.9°C on May 29 and the one at Nagpur's Automatic Weather Station (AWS) showed 56°C on May 30, it triggered panic across the country since they were seen as tipping points in the climate change fallout. Soon, a team of the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) started investigating whether there was any equipment malfunction or were there local factors behind the record breaking temperatures since the IMD's inception in 1875. The Met office has since clarified that Nagpur's 56°C was due to a sensor error.

Be that as it may, Delhi has been baking at close to 50°C since the last few days. In fact, many parts of North, West, East and Central India turned into a frying pan as temperatures have been ranging between 45°C and 51°C since the past seven days.

For instance, Phalodi and Churu in Rajasthan crossed 50°C for a couple of days, Sirsa in Haryana recorded over 50°C and many cities such as Chandigarh (46°C), Amethi (47.2°C), Karwar (38°C), Prayagraj (48.8°C), Agra (48°C), Rohtak (48.8°C) set a new records of maximum temperatures in their respective regions.

The IMD recorded temperatures over 45°C in 83 meteorological stations in Northern India. The figures were up to 9°C above normal, as severe heat wave conditions prevailed over many parts of Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana-Chandigarh-Delhi, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and some pockets of Himachal Pradesh.

Earlier in April, intense heat waves were reported from Southern peninsular India and Eastern India. At many places, soaring temperatures broke records and caused severe water crisis. However, the situation comparatively eased in peninsular India in early May while North India continued to reel under the heatwave.

IMD data shows that there was a 45% increase in heatwave days in May. The normal heatwave days for May is 92, but it shot up to 133. Similarly, in April, the number of heatwave days were 66% above the normal range. (see table)

Against the normal three days of heatwave in each meteorological region in May, Gujarat experienced 12 days, Rajasthan (9-12 days), Delhi, Haryana, Tamil Nadu and Telangana seven days each, Karnataka, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh six days each and Uttar Pradesh, Odisha and Bengal five days each. April had 118 days of heatwave against an average of 71 days. Instead of two days of normal heatwave, Odisha (18 days — 2 in the first half of the month and 16 in the second half) reported the highest of heatwave days in the past nine years. West Bengal had 16 such days, which was its highest in 15 years.

Heatwaves were also reported in Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Interior Karnataka (10 days), Southern Karnataka (8 days), Tamil Nadu and Sikkim (7 days).

Odisha got the longest spell of heatwave in April 2024 from April 15-30 (16 days). Its previous highest was in April 2016 when it prevailed between April 9 and 30 (21 days).

A recent study shows that an average person on earth experienced 26 more days of abnormally high temperatures in the past year than would have been the case without human-induced climate change.

It said that in the last 12 months, some 6.3 billion people — roughly 80% of the global population — experienced at least 31 days of what is classed as extreme heat. The report was published by the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre, the World Weather Attribution scientific network and the non-profit research organisation Climate Central.

Even the World Health Organisation states that the number of people exposed to extreme heat is growing exponentially due to climate change in all the global regions. Heat-related mortality for people over 65 years of age increased by approximately 85% between 2000–2004 and 2017–2021.

According to the IMD's latest Heat Index, the human body will experience above 60°C in Eastern India, the Gangetic plains and the Eastern coasts up to Tamil Nadu. The Heat Index is a measure of how hot it really feels outside by taking into account humidity along with temperature.

Moreover, a new analysis by a Delhi-based environment think tank, the Centre for Science and Environment, shows that the heat stress is not just about rising temperature. It is a deadly combination of air temperature, land surface temperature and relative humidity that leads to thermal discomfort in cities and increases the disease burden.

No centralised record of heat related illness

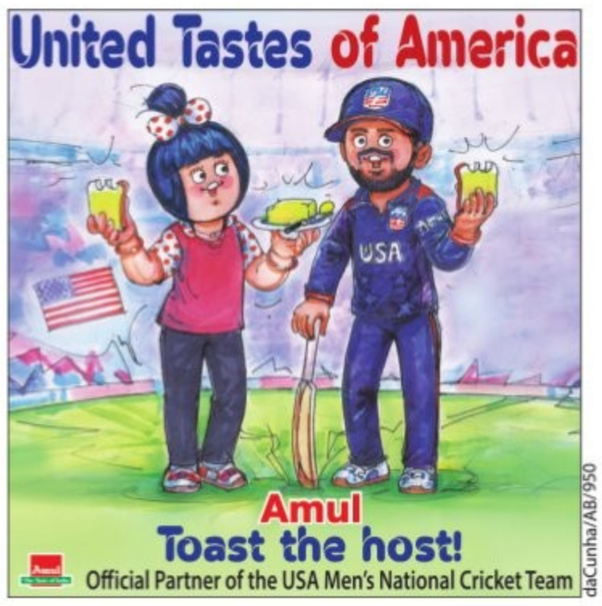
Extreme heat can cause serious health issues and can be fatal to outdoor workers, the elderly and people with existing cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, mental health, asthma, etc. The weather office has issued red alerts in many states to take precautions against heat-related illness.

There were reports of 50 school students fainting and at least 14 deaths in Bihar due to heat related illness. Besides, 19 people died in Odisha due to suspected heatstroke. In Delhi, paid work break from 12 noon to 3 pm has been made mandatory for outdoor workers.

These are some of the widely reported incidents. But the government does not collect centralised data on heat related disasters ostensibly to avoid public anxiety. "When required we ask the respective state authority to provide data on heat-related disasters to frame policy," said a senior member of the National Disaster Management Authority. "The data is controlled and monitored at the Prime Minister's Office, so it is not easily available to the public," he added.

A recent study shows that in the past two decades, approximately half a million people died due to heat-related illness. Out of it, 45% were in Asia and 36% in Europe.

In 2021, Athens became the world's first city to appoint a Heat officer, a formal step to recognise heat as a disaster that needs mitigation. Experts believe that India needs to recognise heat as a disaster and take concrete steps to reduce the disease burden.



Lobbying by meat and dairy sectors weaken EU policies on reducing greenhouse gas

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

GLOBAL dairy and meat companies are lobbying to stall policies of the European Union aimed at addressing livestock greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and transition to sustainable diets. As a result, meat and dairy companies are backsliding on climate and environmental target reduction of greenhouse gases set by the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a United Nations agency.

A new report, 'The European Meat and Dairy Sector's Climate Policy Engagement', prepared by non-profit think tank InfluenceMap reveals that the European meat and dairy industries are using tactics similar to the fossil fuels industry to build a strategic narrative against the government policy.

The meat and dairy industries used two key narratives in order to frame how the issue is perceived by consumers and policymakers. In its first narrative, they emphasise the importance of livestock for society, while in the second narrative, they distance livestock from being viewed as a driver of climate change. (See figures) The dairy and meat industries keep pushing these narratives and their sub-narratives, appear repeatedly in consultation responses, public statements, and social media produced by the meat and dairy sector – as well as in direct communication between the entities assessed in this report and EU Agricultural Commissioner Janusz Wojciechowski.

InfluenceMap had previously detected similar tactics used in the fossil gas sector to maintain a role for gas in the energy mix. The report analyses the advocacy of the 10 largest meat and dairy companies in Europe, and the five biggest industry associations, on six key EU policies aimed at tackling GHG emissions in agriculture. It says the narratives used stand in contradiction to the latest science-based recommendations by the IPCC in 2022 and 2019 and the 2019 EAT-Lancet study of how to transition to sustainable and healthy diets from a sustainable food system.

For example, the associations the European Livestock and Meat Trades Union, European Livestock Voice, and Copa-Cogeca have all emphasised across multiple channels the importance of livestock consumption for human health, with meat producer company Vion Food Group stating that meat is "an essential food". However, the 2019 EAT-Lancet study indicated that healthy sustainable diets consist of "low amount of animal source foods", adding adopting such a diet could avoid 11.1 million deaths per year in 2030.

Moreover, meat producer Tönnies Group downplayed the impact of methane emissions from agriculture, stating that the company's food products "maintain natural cycles" and that methane emissions were part of a "continuous cycle". This contrasts with the IPCC's findings in the 2021 Climate Change Report on the Physical Science Basis, which states that methane emissions from the agricultural sector, particularly livestock, are rising.

The report says intense lobbying has weakened policies. For instances, two of the six policies were significantly weakened, and three appear to have stalled. These include policies such as the EU Sustainable Food Systems Framework, a "flagship" policy of the Farm to Fork Strategy to transition to sustainable diets, and the revision of the Industrial Emissions Directive, which regulates pollutant emissions from European farms. The European People's Party appears to have adopted the sector's narratives to oppose legislation that may have also contributed to the frustration of these policies' success.

POLLUTION TRACKER

Rank	City, Country	AQI
1	Coyhaique, Chile	360
2	Bhiwadi, India	330
3	Noida, India	285
4	Bandar Lampung, Indonesia	259
5	Meerut, India	248
6	Muzaffarnagar, India	228
7	Nuneaton, UK	227
8	Bhiwani, India	216
9	Luohe, China	215
10	Ghaziabad, India	214

INDIAN CITIES

City	AQI
Chennai	67
Vishakhapatnam	126
Hyderabad	90
Bhubaneshwar	44
New Delhi	194
Bengaluru	56
Kochi	52

Due to the onset of Southwest monsoon, Air Quality Index has improved for many cities across India.

Source: AQI | Data valid at 10 pm

Air Quality Index Scale

● Good 0-50 ● Moderate: 51-100
● Poor: 101-200 ● Unhealthy: 201-300
● Severe: 301-400 ● Hazardous: 401-500

NEW HT RICE VARIETIES COULD DAMAGE BIODIVERSITY AND FOOD SECURITY

Dr Virender Singh Lather
Former Principal Scientist, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi

THE Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) recently commercially launched two herbicide-tolerant (Ht) basmati rice varieties, which it claims would control the growth of weeds and promote the water-saving Direct Seeded Rice (DSR) technique. DSR allows farmers to grow the crop directly from seeds sown in the field, bypassing the traditional technique of transplanting seedlings from the nursery.

Besides, the new varieties would help reduce greenhouse gases such as methane while increasing productivity. In rice production, weeds are the major biological constraints that could result in 30-10% losses.

The two varieties – Pusa Basmati 1979 and Pusa Basmati 1985 – are non-genetically modified (non-GM) and are improved versions of existing varieties, Pusa Basmati 1121 and Pusa Basmati 1509, respectively. Since these new varieties contain a mutated ALS gene, they allow the direct application of the Imazethapyr herbicide to eradicate weeds in the DSR system, the ICAR claims.

However, scientists working on the DSR cropping system argue that the government claim is technically an "over-exaggeration" of scientific facts and also not favourable to the genetic diversity of the Indian rice. It can pose a serious threat to rice production and food security of India, they warn.

Weeds can be easily managed by eco-friendly methods using climatic factors by advancing the date of sowing from June 10 to May 15. A research paper published by ICAR concluded that "Eco-friendly two-hand weeding at 20 and 40 days after DSR sowing is more effective than repeated applications of Imazethapyr in Ht-rice for weed control and higher seed yield."

Further, the application of Imazethapyr will only eradicate specific types of broad leaf weeds. Globally, the herbicide is recommended for soyabean, pulses, etc., but not for the rice crop due to a different spectrum of the weed flora. For other types of weeds, farmers again need another set of herbicide spray which will add to the cultivation cost.

Moreover, Ht rice will negatively impact genetic diversity of the Indian rice as it will monopolise the seeds markets in favour of specific varieties having the ALS gene.

Scientifically, the continuous use of the same herbicides over the years results in resistance to herbicides and possible evolution of more potent weeds by gene mutation. Policymakers are well aware of a recent phenomenon occurring in Bt Cotton in Punjab-Haryana where a new strain of pink ball worms has developed resistance against Bt Cotton and drastically affected production in these agriculturally advanced states.

It's interesting that the North Western Plains Zone, including Punjab-Haryana, had been growing mainly aromatic Basmati rice since ages using the DSR system. But during the green revolution, scientists introduced water guzzling dwarf high yielding rice varieties. It shifted cultivation away from the traditional DSR to the transplanted rice system (TRS) to increase production. The promotion of TRS severely impacted groundwater.

These policy initiatives secured the food security of India in the last five decades but ended up over-exploiting groundwater. Consequently, many rice producing belts especially in Punjab and Haryana turned into dark zones.

Between 2014 and 2017, IARI in Karnal developed an improved TARVATTAR DSR technology to control the weeds using climatic factors by advancing the sowing dates to May 15 from June 10 (hot and dry climate) and using cost effective herbicides like Pendamethalin. The improved DSR technology became popular among the farmers as it saved about 40% of groundwater and the cost of cultivation in terms of consumption of energy without any loss of seed yield compared to the water-guzzling transplanted rice.

The Haryana Chief Minister's office acknowledged that by adopting DSR on 72,000 acres, farmers saved 31,500 crore litres of water during kharif 2022. The state government promoted DSR on 2,45,493 acres during kharif 2023 to conserve 2,48,702 crore litres of water.

Similarly, during the Covid-19 pandemic in 2021, Punjab adopted DSR in over 6 lakh hectares of paddy due to scarcity of migratory labour for transplantation. It proved the viability of this improved cost effective and eco-friendly cropping method.

The new Ht varieties are neither in favour of farmers nor to the environment and rice biodiversity of the country.

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On this day in 1980, CNN (Cable News Network), the world's first 24-hour television news network, made its debut

BIG BREAK

The network signed on from its headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, with a lead story about the attempted assassination of civil rights leader Vernon Jordan

BEGINNINGS

CNN was the brainchild of Robert 'Ted' Turner. Initially, it was ridiculed but Turner continued building up the network's news bureaus around the world

SCOOPS

Few of the network's big stories include the 1986 Challenger space shuttle disaster and live "in-country" telecasts of the Persian Gulf War

CE's guide to happenings in the city

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Bringing humour to the table with his new skits on food fads, which have been shared by the likes of Bollywood stars Kareena Kapoor Khan, is comedian Gaurav Kapoor who will be performing in Bengaluru this weekend

A funny taste

MONIKA MONALISA

GAURAV Kapoor is probably the only comedian, who would be concerned about avocados losing their premiums. His funny skit about the avocado left many of us wondering about his astute observations. Known for his relatable and poker-face humour, Kapoor says it's social media that gives him perspective on what's happening in the world, which turns out to be an inspiration for him. "Whenever there is any trend on social media, we subconsciously absorb it. I don't go out every day to look for observations and jokes," explains Kapoor.

Kapoor's skit on dissing food fads has been touched by many, including Bollywood celebrities like Kareena Kapoor Khan. "People have started to talk too much about food...gut health being a favourite. So whenever I see a trend happening, I try to do something around it," says Kapoor, who was flattered to find many celebs sharing his reels.

These online shares give offline recognition as Kapoor points out. "Sometimes, I put in a lot of effort and it doesn't work well, and at other times, I do something randomly and it works," says Kapoor. He further adds, "I loved it when a couple of Bollywood people shared it. That popularity stays for a few weeks. At the end of the day, people have to like your work and find you funny to come for a show. I write skits only when I am able to relate to it."

Once a niche, now many standup shows are mushrooming during weekends, which shows its growing popularity. Kapoor assures that it's not a saturated space yet, and is in fact, only growing. "During the lockdown, people consumed a lot of comedy, leading to many wanting to give it a shot. It is much better than what I did 15 years ago," says Kapoor, who started his standup career in 2015.

Having been doing shows in different parts of the country, Kapoor finds the Bengaluru crowd to be evolved and accepting. "For any comedian, Bengaluru has always been a favourite destination, with its diverse crowd. Here, people are quite open to trying out new things. For example, I have a show in JP Nagar this weekend and a show in Whitefield this month, where the crowds will be very different," signs off Kapoor.

(Gaurav Kapoor will be performing live on June 2, MLR Convention Centre, JP Nagar)

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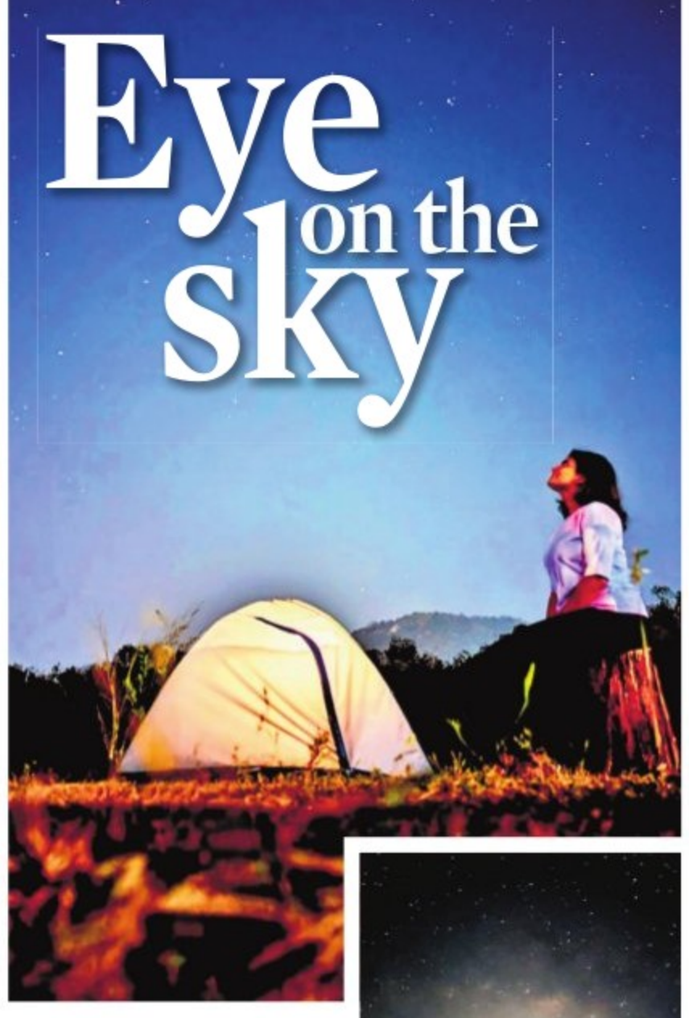
CE speaks to local astronomy enthusiasts to uncover the best spots near B'luru for witnessing a rare celestial event known as the Planet Parade, and to understand the limitations in observing some of these planets in the morning sky

Eye on the sky



POOJA DAS

AS a celestial symphony unfolds above the eastern horizon, the predawn sky on the morning of June 3 will offer a chance for many astronomy enthusiasts and casual stargazers to admire the vastness of our universe. Six planets – Jupiter, Mercury, Uranus, Mars, Neptune and Saturn – will be aligning in a display known as the Planet Parade. "The window of viewing is very short between 4-5am. Some can be viewed through the naked eye and some can be viewed through a telescope," says Swaminathan S, co-founder of Exoticamp, a camping experience booking platform.

Emphasising the importance of finding a location with minimal light pollution and a clear view of the eastern horizon, he suggests several optimal viewing spots near Bengaluru for astronomy enthusiasts. "The Jawadhu Hills would be a good place, which is approximately five hours from the city. Along with minimal light pollution, it also has an observatory. We also have Yelagiri Hills, equipped with telescopes and guided stargazing experiences. There's also a river-camping experience which is closer to Mysuru and the nearest at two hours will be the Skandagiri campsite. If you want to go a little far, Kodagu could be an option," says Swaminathan, whose platform has already registered over 100 enquiries in two days of opening the bookings, adding, "There are many last-minute bookings (priced ₹2,500) because most of the sites are just a couple of hours away and don't require any elaborate preparations from the camper's side."

Obuli Chandran, a science educator and volunteer at the Bangalore Astronomical Society says that while the alignment has been 'slightly exaggerated', there are ways to make a good experience out of the celestial event. "Planets are more or less lined all the time, but seeing them together in the sky is rare. Now, not just June 3, but for several upcoming weeks, all the six planets are going to be lined up. These planets will be visible from the lower part of the sky; if you keep going up you will find these planets all before sunrise," shares Chandran.

However, he adds that some of the planets won't be easy to spot for various reasons. "By 4.30 in the morning, Uranus, Mars, Neptune and Saturn are in the sky but Jupiter and Mercury have not risen yet. And when Jupiter rises by 5.15am, the Sun's glare is going to be too bright which will make observing the planet difficult. But if you have a very good view of the eastern sky without any buildings, you might be able to capture Jupiter. Mercury is still out of question because mercury is too faint. It's a small planet you will most likely miss." Keerthi Kiran, trustee of Bangalore Astronomical Society agrees, adding, "The crescent moon which will also be visible in the sky will be very close to Mars. So, if people can identify the moon, beside it there will be a small red star which will be Mars. Almost on top of the head, we can see Saturn with the naked eye. But, overall, it might not be a great day to see planetary alignment also because of the cloudy weather in Bengaluru."

Chandran advises Bengalureans to not lose hope and adds that a month later on July 6, five of the six planets will be visible in the sky. "It will be a new moon so the sky will be clearer. Mercury would have gone further down, so you won't be able to see it before sunrise but the other five planets, you will be able to spot at 4.30am," he explains.

Many sites near the city are suitable to experience the celestial event

PLANET WATCH

Best observation time: **5.30**am to **5.45**am (Bengaluru)

JUPITER: Low in the sky, but bright, Yet it will be lost in the sun's glare

MERCURY: Faint and will be lost in the sun's glare

URANUS: Needs a telescope for observation

MARS: Possible to observe with the naked eye and telescope

NEPTUNE: Possible to observe only with a big telescope

SATURN: Even a small telescope can reveal the ring structure

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Echoes of Myth & Magic

Veteran thespian and Padma Shri awardee Neelam Mansingh Chowdhry is bringing her interpretation of Girish Karnad's classic *Hayavadana*

EXPRESS FEATURES

ORIGINALLY staged in 1971, Girish Karnad's classic play *Hayavadana* is an intricate exploration of identity, desire, and the consequences of manipulating fate. A story about two friends and their shared love interest, the play takes inspiration from German writer Thomas Mann's *The Transposed Heads* and ancient Indian literature to critique traditional Indian society. This weekend, veteran thespian and Padma Shri awardee Neelam Mansingh Chowdhry is bringing her interpretation of *Hayavadana* to the city in collaboration with Bhoomija.

"It's a play that has always fascinated me. It combines myths, magic, metaphysics, and realism in such a complex and multilayered manner that it becomes a challenge for any director. The play can be seen from so many viewpoints. Is it about love, desire, the search for completeness, motherhood, or human relationships? There are many magical dimensions to this play that are not seen in many other texts," shares Chowdhry, who is known for her unique style and approach to theatre, which often takes classic texts and roots them in contemporary issues.

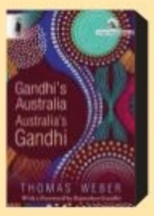
A still from the play

"A play as a performative text travels through time and migrates into different spaces. That is why a play becomes a classic because it has the capacity and potential to transform in multiple ways. No two characters can perform the same play in the same manner," she explains. "The changes I've made come from my own understanding of the text, which is not a fixed entity. It's open to possibilities of change and metamorphosis."

Despite its age, *Hayavadana* continues to hold contemporary relevance given the nature of the themes it explores. Yet, Chowdhry admits that taking on the play was challenging for her. "When you talk about fundamental emotions like love, hate, jealousy, betrayal, and guilt, the question of contemporary relevance doesn't exist because these emotions are fundamental to human experiences," she shares, adding, "I had seen many productions of *Hayavadana*, but there were always areas that were slightly incomprehensible to me. It was a huge challenge to connect it with my own sense of heart. For many years, I haven't been working with well-defined texts; I've been doing devised productions that pull techniques from various references and sources. To work with a text that has a beginning, middle, and end was a reversal of what I had been doing for the last 10 years. But it was exciting. I have tried to bring in new dimensions, to reflect contemporary issues. The fluidity of the text, performance, and movement were important qualities I have tried to incorporate. Whether I have succeeded or not, I have no idea."

(Hayavadana will be staged on June 1 and 2 at 3.30 pm and 7.30 pm at Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar. Tickets are priced at ₹500 on bookmyshow.com)

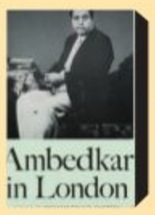
BOOK NOOK



Gandhi's Australia, Australia's Gandhi

By Thomas Weber

The book takes readers on a journey, examining Gandhi's perceptions of Australia and the ways in which Australians came to understand him.



Ambedkar in London

By William Gould, Santosh Dass, and Christophe Jaffrelot

The book connects Ambedkar's influence during his lifetime and his legacy today to this early phase of his career and intellectual life in London and its immediate aftermath.

Provincials Postcards from the Peripheries

By Sumana Roy

Through a captivating collection of 'postcards' from the outskirts of India (and further afield — Europe, America, and the Middle East), Roy immerses us in the imaginative realm of those who revel in their provinciality.

Before I Forget: A Memoir

By MK Raina

It is a heartbreaking memoir of a Kashmiri forced to leave his home who goes on to become a cultural figure and one of the greatest theatre actors of modern India.

ACT II

Members of the Sanchaya theatre group perform the Kannada play, *Natyadevacharite*, based on Molière's *Tartuffe*, at the Bangalore International Centre | HEWIN BYJU

QUICKFIX

NUTTY GREEN PASTA

INGREDIENTS

- **Pasta:** 200 g
- **Coconut mylk:** 200 ml
- **Salt & Pepper:** 5 g & ½ tbsp
- **Minced garlic:** 2 tbsp
- **Mixed herbs:** ½ tbsp
- **Glazed tomatoes:** 3-4
- **Onion:** 1
- **Soaked cashew:** 50 g
- **Roasted pistachio:** 50 g
- **Spinach:** 200 g
- **Chilli flakes:** ½ tbsp
- **Olive oil:** 1½ tbsp

METHOD

- Saute garlic, onion, spinach in olive oil.
- Blend it with the cashews and pistachios until fine.
- Cook the prepared sauce with coconut mylk, salt, pepper, and mixed herbs.
- Add the boiled pasta and chilli flakes.
- Top it with some glazed tomatoes and roasted nuts.

Contributed by **Soniya SP**, Bengaluru

NOWSTREAMING

REGIONAL

PANCHAYAT SEASON 3 (Hindi, series)

A comedy-drama that captures the journey of engineering graduate Abhishek, who, for lack of a better job option, joins as secretary of a panchayat office in a remote village in Uttar Pradesh.

Cast: Jitendra Kumar, Raghubir Yadav, Chandan Roy

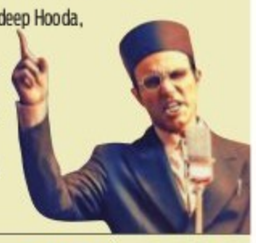
- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

SWATANTRYA VEER SAVARKAR (Hindi)

The film talks about the life of Indian freedom fighter Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, popularly known as Veer Savarkar.

Cast: Randeep Hooda, Ankita Lokhande and Apinderdeep Singh

- **Watch on:** ZEE5



FOREIGN

COLORS OF EVIL: RED (Polish)

When a girl's body is found on a beach in Poland's Tricity, a prosecutor teams up with the victim's mother on an impassioned quest for the truth.

Cast: Maja Ostaszewska, Jakub Gierszal and Kagga Jayson

- **Watch on:** Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION

Netflix:	₹199/month
Prime Video:	₹299/month
Jio Cinema:	₹999/year
Disney+ Hotstar:	₹899/year
Zee5:	₹699/year
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FITBIT

SUKHASANA NECK SIDE STRETCH

(EASY POSE NECK SIDE STRETCH)

This Easy Pose Neck Side Stretch is a simple stretch of the neck for beginners that brings awareness to one side of the neck, shoulders, and back. It helps release the tightness in the shoulders, neck and upper back. The pose requires practitioners to roll their shoulders back, and open the chest. This helps students de-stress and relax.

STEPS

- Sit on a cushion/yoga mat and align yourself to Sukhasana (Easy Pose).
- Focus on your breath, and stay in this position as you lengthen your spine for 3-4 breaths.
- Place the palms firmly on your respective knees while sitting tall with your head, neck, and back in one line.
- Stretch the neck. Inhale and put your right palm over the head on the left ear.
- As you exhale, gently drop your neck on the right shoulder.
- Stay in the Sukhasana Neck Side Stretch pose for 3 big breaths.
- Inhale. Release the stretch and bring your arm to the knees to return to the starting position of Sukhasana. Relax.
- Counter the stretch by following the above instructions for the left side. Use your left arm, placing the palm over the head on the right ear and tilt your neck to the left.
- Release the pose and return to the Sukhasana. Relax in Sukhasana Variation Arms Knees.

BENEFITS

- Helps improve the body posture, and reduces neck stiffness.
- Relieves headaches, migraines and blocked noses.
- Helps with stiffness of neck and shoulders.
- Benefits practitioners who are suffering from constant neck and back pain.
- Regular practice of this pose aids those with joint-related issues like neck osteoporosis (spondylosis) or back pain caused due to arthritis.
- Senior citizens may practise this pose while sitting on a chair.
- Aids in reducing aches and pains accompanied by day-to-day activities.
- Relaxes the muscles.
- Aids in alleviating cervical issues like disc degeneration, and pain in the neck.
- Increases flexibility and range of motion of joints.
- Acts as a warm-up, preparing the upper back, chest, and arms for other yoga poses.

LIMITATIONS

- Students who are recovering from a fracture or injuries at the neck/shoulder, and injuries related to the spine, strained muscles, worn joints, and nerve compression should avoid this pose.
- Those suffering from neck or upper back pain, shoulder blade pain, headaches, dizziness, vertigo, should take it slowly.
- Practitioners with arthritis or general body weakness can sit on a chair or couch, or stand with legs apart.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Book Brunch

Calling all bibliophiles to join this fortnightly book club meetup for lively discussions on all things literature - fiction and fantastic non-fiction.

WHEN: June 2, 4.30pm
WHERE: The Nexus Mall, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

A Melodious Journey

Sing along to unforgettable melodies as Aurko & AIR lead a tribute concert celebrating iconic singer KK's soulful ballads, rock anthems, and hidden gems.

WHEN: June 1, 6pm **WHERE:** Garuda Outdoor Courtyard, Ashok Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Comedy Night

Laugh out loud as you witness comics Manish Jain, and Vishal Sivakuma bring together their hilarious life experiences for a night of relatable jokes across generations.

WHEN: June 1, 9pm
WHERE: Ministry of Comedy, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Unveiling the Ninja

This mixed martial arts session dives deep into the ancient Japanese art of Ninjutsu, teaching you core principles that extend beyond physical defence. Develop focus, discipline and awareness and learn self-defence strategies while getting a great workout.

WHEN: June 1, 10pm
WHERE: Shoonya Centre for Art and Somatic Practices, Lal Bagh Road
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Bhangra Blast

Move your body and feel the joy of bhangra! This inclusive workshop is for all levels, from beginners to experienced dancers. Learn from expert instructors, connect with fellow enthusiasts, and lose yourself in the energetic beats.

WHEN: June 2, 1pm
WHERE: Small World, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Domestic Dramedy

Settle in to watch this heartwarming comedy play by an all-female troupe! 'Bai Thumba Nakbidi' follows a housewife and her maid as they share their daily struggles and come up with hilarious solutions.

WHEN: June 1, 7pm
WHERE: Indian Institute of World Culture, Basavanagudi
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

A Postal History

Uncover the hidden story of caste in modern India through letters and stamps at this unique exhibition. Using letters, publications, and stamps, the exhibition explores how the postal and rail systems shaped caste politics for over a century.

WHEN: June 2, 11am
WHERE: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

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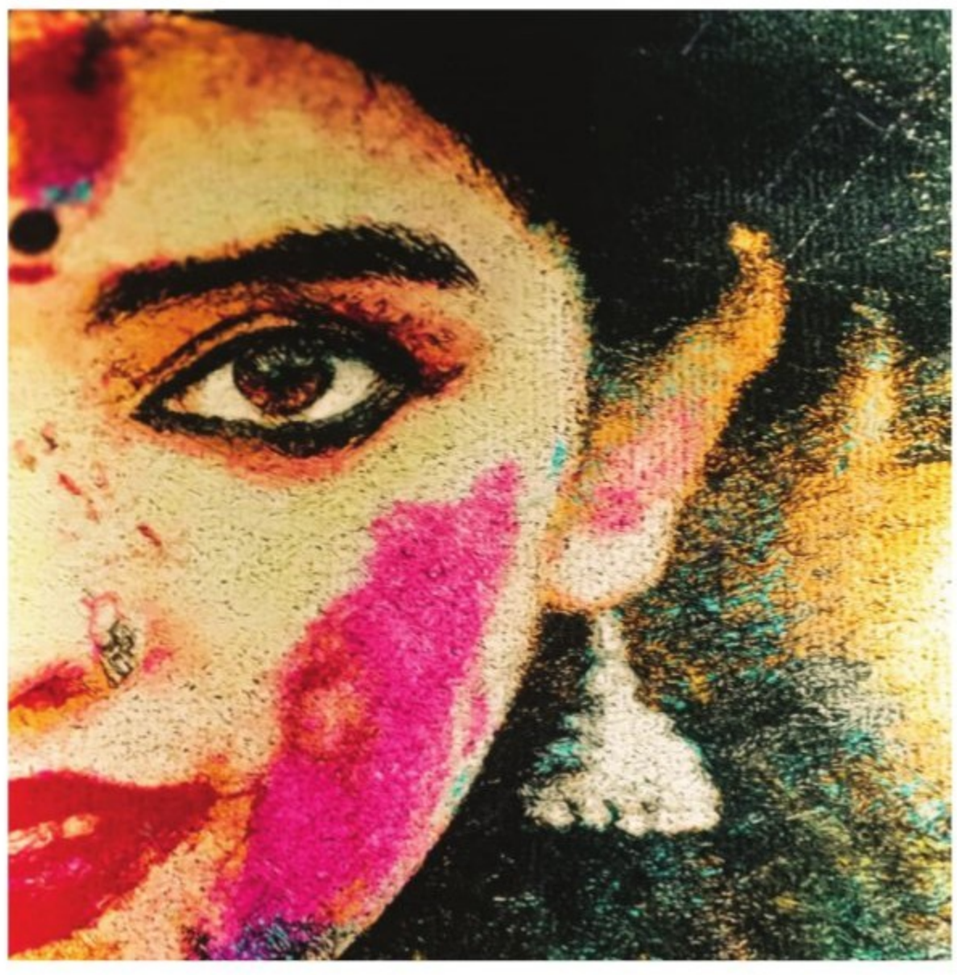

DEFINING BEAUTY

Bengaluru-based artist Praveena uses embroidery threads as a medium to weave the beauty of a South Indian woman

A MULTIFACETED HERB

OREGANO, with its delicate white, pink or light purple flowers and warm aroma, is not just another herb in the garden. It is a powerhouse of flavour and wellness benefits. Native to the Mediterranean but now cultivated worldwide, this resilient perennial herb has found its way into kitchens and medicine cabinets alike.

It can grow upto 30-90 cm tall, with woody stems and leaves. Oregano adds a burst of flavour to dishes ranging from meats and salads to soups and sauces. Its essential oil and oleoresin are prized in the food industry for their aromatic essence, enhancing everything from alcoholic beverages to baked goods.

But oregano isn't just about taste. Its oil is known for its carminative, stomachic, diuretic, and diaphoretic properties, making it a go-to remedy for ailments like whooping cough and bronchitis. Its antioxidant and antimicrobial properties also aid in wound healing and overall wellness.

From the Himalayas of India to the sunny fields of Mexico and Greece, oregano thrives in warm, well-drained soils, bringing its versatile benefits to tables around the world.

In summary, oregano isn't just a culinary spice; it's a multifaceted herb that enriches gastronomy and enables holistic well-being.

THERAPEUTIC PROPERTIES OF OREGANO

- Stimulant
- Carminative
- Stomachic
- Diuretic
- Diaphoretic
- Emmenagogue

GRUB HUB

Aslam Gafoor (@aslamgafoor) is a hospitality professional with experience in business development, sales and marketing with well-known hotels, and food and beverage companies. A few of his passions are travel, food and wine, and he enjoys sharing these experiences as a columnist.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'**
The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Monday.
The first-prize winner will receive a voucher worth ₹1,000 from Thelagram - JP Nagar **

1. What is the traditional Filipino dessert made from sticky rice and coconut mylk, typically cooked in a clay pot?
2. What is the traditional Japanese hot pot dish made with various vegetables, tofu, and meat or seafood?
3. What is the traditional Ethiopian spicy stew made with chicken, onions, and berbere spice mix?

NUGGETS

Rajasthani food festival till June 2

A Rajasthani food festival called 'Spice Trails of the Thar' is being hosted at La Utsav by Grand Mercure Bengaluru at Gopalan Mall till June 2. The festival aims to introduce guests to dishes and flavours that define Rajasthani cuisine through a buffet dinner prepared by chef Dharmesh Udhawat and executive chef Bishan Singh Negi. The menu includes a range of dishes like gatta curry, maans ke sule, Rajwadi macchi, laal maas, ker sangri, etc. The buffet dinner starts at 7.30pm and costs ₹1,800++ per person.
For more information, contact 95132 89926.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JASWINDER SINGH** and previously called **JASWINDER GURBAX SINGH,** S/o Gurbax Singh, aged about 57 years, R/at A 104, Salarpuria Melody Apartments, Mysore Road, Nayandahalli, Pantharapalya, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-5600039, Karnataka, India. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'JASWINDER GURBAX SINGH'** to **"JASWINDER SINGH"**, vide Affidavit dated 31.05.2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary S.T Thippeswamy, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mrs. KETHA MONIKA,** W/o Ketha Veera Prasad, No.13629030X, Rank: NK, Permanent resident of No.3-76, Btlakurru Doddavaram Post, B.Doddavaram, Sub-District, Mamidikuduru District, B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema State, Andhra Pradesh - 533247, Present at PRTC, J C Nagara, Bengaluru - 560006, hereby declare that as per Aadhar Card my name is **MOLLETI MONIKA,** both the names belongs to me only henceforth my name will be **MOLLETI MONIKA** in all my records and correspondence. Vide affidavit dated 28.04.2024 sworn to before Notary, **Y.R.Chandrasekar,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **YESHNA GOWDA.H** D/o Sri. Late. Hucchappa.C. R/a No.67, 7th Cross, 2nd Main, Azadnagar, TR Mill, Chamarapet, Near Panchamukhi Anjaneya Temple, Bengaluru – 560018. Have Changed My Name From **SINDUJA.H.** To **YESHNA GOWDA.H.** Vide Affidavit Date:29/05/2024. Sworn Before Notary: S.N.Madhu.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **THARANGINI M.S.** D/o S.K. Reddy, aged about 42 years, R/at No.B 6/2, Plumeria Street, Ramanasree California Layout, Ananthpur Gate, Puttenahalli, Yalahanka, Bangalore - 560064.
I have changed my minor son name from **"SANATH BABA REDDY"** to **"NIHAL KIRAN REDDY"** vide affidavit dated **30-05-2024**, sworn before notary **M.S.Ballal,** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **HEMANT KOTHARI, aged 46 years, Resident of No. 732, Kothari Villa, 8th B Main, 5th Cross, Koramangala 4th Block, Bengaluru-560034, have changed my minor daughter's name from ANUSHKA to ANUSHKA JAIN, vide affidavit dated: 31.05.2024 before notary M.K. DEVAKI, Bengaluru.**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHARMILA GUPTA, W/o. ALOK KUMAR GUPTA, Residing at No. 96, 10 Downing Whitefield, Hoskote main road, Opp. Mahaveer, Varna Apartment, Kannamangala, Bangalore Karnataka - 560067 that my names SHARMILA S and SHARMILA GUPTA belongs to one and the same person i.e SHARMILA GUPTA vide affidavit dated 18.05.2024 sworn before advovate and notary C N Balasubramanyam, Bangalore**

CHANGE OF NAME/DECLARATION

I, **SHASHI KUMAR BHARTIA, S/o Late Gopal Das Bhartia, aged about 73 years, residing at No. 902B, Cedar Block, Godrej Woods Estate, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bangalore 560024 have changed my name from SHASHI BHARTIA to SHASHI KUMAR BHARTIA I also declare that both the names belong to one and the same person that is myself before notary L.B. Anasuyamma vide affidavit dated 31/05/2024**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Nitesh Jagdishchandra Trivedi, S/o. Mr. Jagdishchandra Gopaljee Trivedi, aged 48 years, R/at #301, Maangalya Suryodaya, #17/2, Varthur Main Raod, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560037, Karnataka, India, my daughter's name is **Devanshi Trivedi**, in her 10th Marks Card of ICSE board document my name i.e., (father's name) wrongly mentioned as Nitesh Trivedi instead of **Nitesh Jagdishchandra Trivedi**. vide affidavit dated 19/03/2024. Sworn before Advocate and Notary, Indira S S, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) DEVIBAI LALCHAND JAIN @ DEVIBAI.L @ DEVI BAI @ DEVI BAI.L JAIN,** W/o. LAL CHAND B JAIN, residing at no. 31, 2nd floor, basavana temple, anchepet, bangalore 560053, state that i have changed my name (Old Name) **DEVIBAI LALCHAND JAIN @DEVIBAI. L @ DEVI BAI @ DEVI BAI.L JAIN** to **DEVIBAI L JAIN** all the names belongs to one and the same person only vide affidavit dated 30.05.2024 sworn before notary V. Rajashekhara, bangalore.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

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I, RAMAVATI DEVI, Mother of Army No. 14925767K Ex-HAV, SANTOSH KUMAR CHAUHAN, R/a # 280, M.S.Layout, 2nd Stage, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru-73, have changed my name from **RAMAVATI DEVI** to **RAMAVATHI DEVI** & declare that in my Son's service record. my D.O.B is 01/07/1960 & correct D.O.B is 05/08/1958 affidavit Dated 10/12/2023 Notary B.A. Lakshminarayana Rao, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) LAXMI PARMA** Mother of NO 15428792F HAV SHAILENDRA PARMAR, Residing at vill- Pachama, Post- Pachama, Tehsil & Dist- Sehore, State- MADHYA PRADESH, PIN:466001 Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) LAKSHMI BAI,** And **DOB** from **12.07.1956** to **01.01.1954,** Vide Affidavit Dated 29.05.2024 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMED SHERIEF RAFI,** S/o Rafi Khaliq Abdul R/at#41/42, 17th Main, Vinayaka Nagar, JP Nagar, 5th Phase, Bengaluru-560078, have changed my name to **MOHAMMED SHARIFF RAFI,** vide affidavit dated: 16.05.2024, before Notary **S.I Balaguru,** Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Prema Vittalsa Khoday, w/o Sri Late Vittalsa Khoday doing house wife and resident of No 43, KVR Market, 2nd Floor, Santhusapet, Chickpet Cross, Bangalore-560 053, have changed my name to **Prema Khoday**, vide affidavit dated: 31.05.2024, before Notary **C.V Earappa,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Kiran Malagi**, Son of Madhav .R, aged about 47 years, residing at No.103, Peony Middle Mist, K.Dommasandra, Virgo Nagar Post, Krishnarajapura, Bengaluru-49, have changed the name of my minor son from **Sanjeev Kiran Malagi** to **Sanjeev Malagi**, vide affidavit dated 17.05.2024 sworn to before R. Jyshree, Notary at Hoskote.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRASHANTH BABU PRABHAKARA** S/o Prabhakara Babu M N aged about 44 years, residing at No. 27, Flat No 401, Elegance Lake View Apartment, 2nd Stage, 1st Phase, 4th B Cross, BTM Layout, Bengaluru- 560 076 do hereby declare that I changed my name from **PRASHANTH BABU PRABHAKARA BABU** to **PRASHANTH BABU PRABHAKARA** vide affidavit dated 23/05/2024 sworn to before **L GOPALAKRISHNA,** Advocate and Notary Public, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SAMINTAJT.I, Residing at No.96, 3rd B main, Behind R.T Nagar Old Police station, Kauser Nagar, Bangalore-560032, have changed my minor Daughter's name from **SHEHZADI ENAYA ABIR** to **SHEHZADI ENAYA** vide affidavit dated 30.05.2024 sworn before Notary Veena Hadagali Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) MANNIL MEGHA NAIR,** residing at No. 167, Krishna Nivas, 5th Cross, Kavery Street, Udaya Nagar, Bengaluru-560016, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MANNIL MEGHA NAIR** to **(NEW NAME) MEGHA NAIR** vide affidavit Dated 25 May 2024 sworn before Notary R.Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAHAMATUNNISA** W/o Saleem Pasha M, R/at No. 5, Pasha House, 6th Cross, Nanjappa Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560 097 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SYED AFSARI RAHMATHUNNISA** to **RAHAMATUNNISA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **RAHAMATUNNISA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 29-05-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. HANUMANTHARAYA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME), MAHADEV,** Father of NO.16116877H L/NK SANTOSH HEGALE, Residing at House NO. 892/2, Biradi (Vill), Raybag (TK), Biradi (Post), Belgaum (Dist), KARNATAHA (State), PIN: 591217, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) MAHADEV HEGALE,** Vide Affidavit Dated 27.05.2024 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JOTHI MANI,** W/o No. 13877376X, NK (TS) N. SURULI MUTHU, residing at No 269/1 2ND Cross, Emerald Meadows Layout, Marenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Gopalpura Bus Stop, Gopalapura, Bangalore 562149, have changed my name from **JOTHI MANI to S.JYOTHI MANI,** vide affidavit dated: 30.05.2024 before Notary **S. Samuel Solomon,** Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **MOHAMMED HUSSAIN, S/o. Shamshir Ali,** Aged about 79 years, Residing at No. 215, 10th Cross, Madeena Nagar, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068, do hereby declare that the name of **MOHAMMED HUSSAIN, S/o. Shamshir Ali** and **GAFFAUULLA SHAH, S/o. Mohammed Hussain** is belongs to one person. Vide affidavit dated 14.05.2024 sworn to before Dharani .P, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

It is for general information that **I, SOMDUTTA BASU CHAUDHURY** daughter of Shri Samarendra Basu Chaudhury residing at 225/9 Golden Jubillee Air Force Conclave, Cambridge Road, Bangalore 560007 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as SB Chaudhary in my Air Force Service Records. The actual name of mine is **SOMDUTTA BASU CHAUDHURY** respectively which may be amended accordingly.
It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this regard.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ARUNA REDDY** residing at No :144, 30th Cross, 15th Main, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 070, Karnataka. Have changed my name to **REDDIVARI ARUNA REDDY** vide affidavit dated 14/05/2024 sworn before Notary **Hemalatha .P,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) SYED AHMED SAHIB JAN,** residing at No. 1204, Behind Government School, Thanisandra, Bangalore-560045, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SYED AHMED SAHIB JAN** to **(NEW NAME) SYED AHMED** vide affidavit Dated 29 May 2024 sworn before Notary Sivakumara M.N, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) PREM NARAYAN PARMAR,** Father of NO.15428792F HAV SHAILENDRA PARMAR, Residing at Vill- Pachama, Post- Pachama, Tehsil & Dist- Sehore, State- MADHYA PRADESH, PIN:466001, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) PREMNARAYAN,** And **DOB** from **06.08.1952** to **11.02.1950** Vide Affidavit Dated 29.05.2024 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, No. 6486752K Ex-Sepoy **D Srinivasu** presently residing at # 417, 5th Main, 6th Cross, Near BEML Hospital, Jagadish Nagar, New Thippasandra Post, Bangalore, Dist - Bangalore, Karnataka have changed my son's name from **D S SHASHANK** to **SHASHANK S D** vide Affidavit dated 28/05/2024 before **L Gopalakrishna** Advocate & Notary, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ARCHANA .C.L,** W/o C.V. Lavakumar, D/o K. Krishnakumar, age 40 years, R/at No. 538, Radhakrishna Nilaya, 1st Floor, A. Annaiah Reddy Layout, 'C' Cross, Doddabanasawadi, Kalyannagar, Benglauru-43 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **ARCHANA .C.L** and **ARCHANA .K** are one and the same and refers to me only, now I have changed my name to **ARCHANA .K,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **ARCHANA .K** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 31-05-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. CHITRA** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **JAYESH MAHAVAR**, Aged about 41 years, S/o. Ramesh Mahavar, Residing at 101, Dharma 7, Sai Gardens, Opp. HP Petrol Pump, Seegehalli, Kadugodi, Bangalore - 560 067, do hereby declare that my actual and correct name is **JAYESH MAHAVAR.** In few documents my name bears as **JAYESH MAHAVAR** in my Aadhaar Card & PAN Card and **JAYESHKUMAR RAMESH MAHAVAR** mentioned in my passport, above mentioned names are one and the same person. Vide affidavit dated 31.05.2024 sworn to before Rajanna .S.M, Advocate and Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ROHINI K S (New Name), residing at No. 906, 5th Cross, 16th Main, BTM Layout 2nd Stage, Bangalore–560076, Karnataka, India, that I have changed my name from ROHINI RAMESH (Old Name) to ROHINI K S (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called ROHINI K S (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 29/05/2024, before Notary H.S.DHARMA PRASAD, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SAMIN TAJ T.I, Residing at No.96, 3rd B main, Behind R.T Nagar Old Police station, Kauser Nagar, Bangalore -560032, have changed my minor Daughter's name from **SYEDA ASFAHA ABIR** to **ARSHI SYEDA** vide affidavit dated 30.05.2024 sworn before Notary Veena Hadagali Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) SYED NISSAR NOOR,** residing at No. 123/45, 5th Main, 2nd Cross, Kushal Nagar, K.G.Halli, Near Ply Well School, Bengaluru-560045, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SYED NISSAR NOOR** to **(NEW NAME) SYED NISAR** vide affidavit Dated 23/04/2024 sworn before Notary S.I.Balaguru, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SHUBHA NAGESH**, W/o Nagesh .V Reddy, aged about 40 years, r/at No.62, Drakshi Thota, Near Govt School, Pandithana Agrahara Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, do hereby declare that, both the names i.e. **SHUBHA .B.N** and **SHUBHA NAGESH** are one and the same person and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 29th May 2024, sworn before Notary **C.N. SREEKANTA SASTRY,** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO. JC- 313793L SUB RAVIKUMAR YENNE, Residing at Gokarnapalli (Vill & Post), Ponduru (MD), Srikakulam (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 532168, Have Changed My Son Name **(OLD NAME) YENNI PRANATH** to **(NEW NAME) YENNE PRANATH,** Vide Affidavit Dated 30.05.2024 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MALOBIKA TSENG, W/o Michael Tseng, age 52 years, R/at No. 390, 13th A Cross, Sahakaranagar F Block, Bangalore-560 092 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MALOBIKA CHATTOPADHYANE TSENG** to **MALOBIKA TSENG,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MALOBIKA TSENG** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 30-05-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **JALANDHARA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NIRMALA VIJAYENDRAMURTHY**, No. 237, Ground Floor, 'Sri Raksha', 15th Main, 24th Cross, Near BNMIT College, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560 070, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **V. NIRMALA** to **NIRMALA VIJAYENDRAMURTHY** vide affidavit dated 30.05.2024 sworn to before M.S. Dharma Prasad, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SIDDHARTH NAVEEN MURALI (New Name), S/o Naveen Murali, residing at No. 116, Murali Mansion, 46th Cross, 100 Feet Road, Opp Krishaiah Shetty and Sons, Jayanagar 5th Block, Bangalore-560041, Karnataka, India, that I have changed my name from SIDDARTHA NAVEEN MURALI (Old Name) to SIDDHARTH NAVEEN MURALI (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called SIDDHARTH NAVEEN MURALI (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 31/05/2024, before Notary MOHAMMED HUSSAIN.K, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SAKUNTALA** M/o No JC-414260K, Rank: SUB, Name **NAPHE SINGH,** residing at Vill-Dagroli, PO-Dagroli, Teh-Charkhi Dadri, Distt-Bhiwani, State- Haryana, Pin- 127308, have changed my name from **SHAKONTALA to SAKUNTALA** vide affidavit dated-20-05-2024 before Notary, Sivakumara.M.N, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

My son **HARSHEET SUMEET PAWANI** S/o **SMIT PAWANI**, aged 16 yrs R/o # 778,1st Main 6th Cross, S Nijlingappa Layout, Davangere, Karnataka state will Henceforth be **HARSHIT SMIT PAWANI** S/O **SMIT PAWANI** vide court order O S NO. 556/2023 of III ADDI CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC Sri. SIDDARAJU N K. Davangere. All his further transactions and dealings will be in his new name **HARSHIT SMIT PAWANI.**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) AKKATAI,** Mother of NO.16116877H L/NK SANTOSH HEGALE, Residing at House NO. 892/2, Biradi (Vill), Raybag (TK), Biradi (Post), Belgaum (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 591217, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) AKKATAI M HEGALE,** And **DOB** from **01.07.1969** to **01.06.1965** Vide Affidavit Dated 27.05.2024 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Sangeetha Sanjay Dave, w/o Sri Sanjay Dave doing house wife and resident of Aum, no 83, Ramanna Garden, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560 097, have changed my name to **Sangeeta Sanjay Dave,** vide affidavit dated: 31.05.2024, before Notary **C.V Earappa,** Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

As per records my name is **PATTHI BACHEPALLE VENKATA RAYUDU** presently residing at House No. 970, 2nd Cross, 6th Main, Chowdeshwari Layout, Tulasi Theatre Road, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 560 037, Karnataka and permanent resident of House No. 2-64, Alamur Post, Rudravaram Mandal, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh - 518 543, India, but in my all records and passport **PATHI BACHEPALLI VENKATA RAMUDU,** do hereby declare that my name **PATTHI BACHEPALLE VENKATA RAYUDU** vide affidavit date 15.05.2023 sworn to before K.V. Jagannath Reddy, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Santosh Goti**, S/o. Suresh Mallappa Goti, Resident of Flat No. 5L 104, Provident Sunworth, Venkatapura, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore - 560 060, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Santosh Goti** to **Santosh Suresh Goti** vide affidavit dated 31.05.2024 sworn to before N. Nagappa, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **JHARI P. KABAT,** M/o Lokanath Paschimakabat, Indian Army No. JC414351N, Rank: Sub(Clk), permanent resident of village Orami post, Hadapada, Tehsil Khordha, District Khordha, State Odisha-752018 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **JHARI P. KABAT** to **JHARANA PASCHIMAKABAT.** both the names belongs to me only henceforth my name will be JHARANA PASCHIMAKABAT in all my records and correspondence. Vide affidavit dated 29.05.2024 sworn to before Notary, **Sivakumar.M.N** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUMAN BALA** W/o No JC-414260K, Rank: SUB, Name **NAPHE SINGH,** residing at Vill-Dagroli, PO-Dagroli, Teh-Charkhi Dadri, Distt-Bhiwani, State- Haryana, Pin- 127308, have changed my name from **SUMAN DEVI to SUMAN BALA** & my date of birth is 20 Jul 1982 vide affidavit dated-20-05-2024 before Notary, Sivakumara.M.N, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) SAVITA VIKAS** Spouse of NO. JC- 312752P SUB BORHADE VIKAS SOPAN, Residing at Vill- Dhamani, Post- Dhamani, Tehsil- Ambegaon, Dist- Pune, State- MAHARASHTRA, PIN: 410508, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) BORHADE SAVITA VIKAS,** AND **DOB** from **14.11.1982** to **14.07.1981,** Vide Affidavit Dated 29.05.2024 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) RANJITHA K** spouse of NO 16113220A SPR KARIYAPPA K, Residing at Soratur (vill), Soratur (post), Honnali (Taluk), Davangere (Dist), KARNATAKA (state), PIN: 577217, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) RANJITHA K D,** Vide Affidavit Dated 27.05.2024 Sworn Before Notary S.I.BALAGURU BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SIDDHI VIPUL RAIGANDHI,** D/o. Vipul Rai Gandhi & Smt. Kalpana Rai Gandhi, Aged about 20 years, residing at No. 91, Flat No. 101, Vmaks Residency, 7th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560 018, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SIDDHI VIPUL RAIGANDHI** to **SIDDHI RAIGANDHI** vide affidavit dated 24.05.2024 sworn to before Aruna .V, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **MANGALA .B. NADIG,** W/o. Rishabh, Aged about 36 years, R/at No. 28, 2nd Floor, Byraveshwaranagara, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru - 560 072, do hereby declare that my correct and actual name is **SHARADHI,** by oversight in the Aadhar Card, PAN Card, Bank Account, Driving License and other documents my name has been wrongly mentioned as **MANGALA .B. NADIG** instead of **SHARADHI.** Vide affidavit 30.05.2024 sworn to before G. Dayananda, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GANGAMMA** W/o M V Veerabhadraiah residing at NO.225, 6TH MAIN, 16TH CROSS, NEAR SYNDICATE BANK, MC LAYOUT, VIJAYANAGAR, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560040,,do hereby declare that I changed my name from **GANGAMMA VEERABHADRAIAH** to **GANGAMMA** vide affidavit dated 31/05/2024 sworn to before **K.C. SHASHIKALA,** Advocate and Notary Public, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MEHMOOD FARAZ ASHRAFI,** S/o. Haji Iqbal Ahmed R/a # 16/2, 2nd Cross, 11th Main, Gangaparameshwari Nagar, Kodichikkanahalli, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560076, declared that my Father's correct Name is **HAJI IQBAL AHMED** but my Father's Name has been wrongly recorded as **IQBAL AHMAD** instead of **HAJI IQBAL AHMED** in my passport issued at Lucknow, Date of Issue: 24.09.2014. vide affidavit dated: 30.05.2024, Sworn before Notary Aravind Patil G.G. Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KAPOOR SINGH** F/o No JC-414260K, Rank: SUB, Name **NAPHE SINGH,** residing at Vill-Dagroli, PO-Dagroli, Teh-Charkhi Dadri, Distt-Bhiwani, State- Haryana, Pin- 127308, have changed my name from **KAPUR SINGH to KAPOOR SINGH** vide affidavit dated-20-05-2024 before Notary, Sivakumara.M.N, Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT

I, **MARIA .S,** S/o Srinivas M, age 50 years, R/at No. 5/2, 9th G Main, Vijayanagar East, Bangalore-560 040 do hereby declare that all the names i.e. **CHETHANA MARIA VISHWANATH / Dr. CHETHANA MARIA VISHWANATH / CHETHANA VISHWANATH / CHETHANA MARIA VISHWANATH / Dr. CHENATHNA MARIA VISHWANATH / CHETHANA VISHWANATH** are one and the same and refers to me only, now I have changed my name from **MARIA .S** to **Dr. CHETHANA VISHWANATH MARIA,** vide affidavit dated 30th May 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ANITHA BAI** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) AKKATAI,** Mother of NO.16116877H L/NK SANTOSH HEGALE, Residing at House NO. 892/2, Biradi (Vill), Raybag (TK), Biradi (Post), Belgaum (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 591217, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) AKKATAI M HEGALE,** And **DOB** from **01.07.1969** to **01.06.1965** Vide Affidavit Dated 27.05.2024 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KESHAVAMURTHY GOVINDARAJU,** Aged about 44 years, S/o GOVINDARAJU. V, Residing at No. 322, 4th Main, Opp Ganesha Temple, Canarabank Layout, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bangalore-560 097. Hereby declare that, I have changed my minor Daughter's name from (Date of birth 08.02.2008) **'SAANVI. K'** to **"SAANVI KESHAVAMURTHY"** vide Affidavit dated 30.05.2024, Sworn before Advocate and Notary K.V Nanjaiah, Bengaluru.

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WE ARE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HEMANTH M RAO TO DIRECT SUDEEP: SANDESH N

A SHARADHAA

Sandesh Productions is all set to collaborate with the multilingual star, and we had the producer shed light on this big venture

A POST by producer N Sandesh, alongside his father and noted producer Sandesh Nagaraj, and *Max* hero Sudeep on social media, included the line "Wait and watch for fantastic news from Sandesh Productions," bringing in excitement for a new project in the works. Earlier, we spoke to Sandesh when he met Sudeep in Chennai, and he hinted at a potential collaboration and expressed his enthusiasm about teaming up with the multilingual actor. Sandesh mentioned they've been in talks, and if it works out, it will be the first time the duo join hands.

The latest message by the production house further confirms their collaboration. We checked with N Sandesh about the latest development, and he was enthusiastic to confirm the news. Now, curiosity arises about who will likely helm this project for Sudeep, with Sandesh hinting at discussions with director Hemanth M Rao. "We are in discussions with Hemanth M Rao to direct Sudeep, but we are yet to finalise details and work on the logistics before officially making an announcement," mentioned producer Sandesh.

Hemanth M Rao

While talk of Hemanth M Rao's collaboration with Sudeep is still in its initial stage, it promises to be an interesting combination. However, we await an official confirmation from the production house. Hemanth is currently working on his next project with Shivarajkumar, in the scripting stage. Meanwhile, Sudeep, busy with the release of *Max*, which he has just wrapped up shooting for, will soon begin shooting for *Cheran*, followed by *Billa Ranga Baashaa* with Anup Bhandari. He also has a project committed with KRG, marking his directorial comeback. With this new venture with Sandesh Productions, he has a good lineup of projects sure to bring cheers to his fans.

Shilpa Shetty lauds the dedication of her *KD* director Prem

CE FEATURES

SHILPA Shetty, who has finally shed her wig and wrapped up her shoot for *KD - The Devil*, could not contain her joy as she shared a video alongside director Prem. The video gave fans a sneak peek into her *KD* character, *Satyavathi*. The star-studded film showcases Shilpa in a pivotal role, alongside Dhruva Sarja, as well as multilingual giants such as Ravichandran, Ramesh Aravind, and Sanjay Dutt. With roots in Karnataka's Tulunadu, Shilpa, who was launched by Ravichandran in Kannada cinema with *Preethsod Thappa* and later impressed in *Ondagona Baa* and *Auto Shankar,* now makes a return after 19 years with *KD.* Describing her experience on set, she lauded director Prem's perfectionism, noting his unwavering dedication and even joking that the filmmaker never seems to get hunger pangs. She also mentioned her commitment to the role, underlined by a lack of breaks during the shoot, confidently declared Satyavathi as one of the best roles in her career, and promised audiences a worthy film in theatres.

Pream and Shilpa Shetty

I communicate through the universal language of cinema: Prem

Director Prem, a maestro in Kannada cinema, has a knack for uniting diverse talents from across India, transcending language barriers. Prem's portfolio speaks volumes as he has brought a diverse set of actors to Kannada cinema. For example, he collaborated with Telugu music director RP Patnaik for *Excuse Me,* directed Mallika Sherawat in a special song in *Preethi Eke Bhoomi Mele Ede* and Priyanka Kothari in *Raj The Showman*, and cast Amy Jackson as the female lead in *The Villain*. Now, with Sanjay Dutt and Shilpa Shetty teaming up for *KD,* he continues his legacy of excellence. "I have certain principles when working with non-Kannadiga actors. Firstly, I demonstrate the role with the body language they understand. Secondly, I don't settle for just one take; it takes 4 to 5 takes for me to approve a shot. We sit together in front of the monitor, communicating through the universal language of cinema," Prem shares.

Although he admits to occasional communication hiccups, especially with foreign musicians, he believes in the power of cinematic language to bridge gaps. "I'm not perfect, but I always apologise and strive to ensure that everyone is on the same page. Ultimately, our connection through cinema prevails," he says. With Reeshma Nanaiah joining the cast as the female lead, *KD,* produced under the banner of KVN Productions will release in December.

A still from the film

Back Benchers is an absolute blast of a film: Manohar Joshi

CE FEATURES

THE upcoming film *Back Benchers* boasts a predominantly fresh set of talents, spearheaded by producer-director Rajashekhar and cinematographer Manohar Joshi. The director and cinematographer are leaving no stone unturned in their quest for box office success. Rajashekhar acknowledges the youthful vigour driving the film, noting a shift in his own approach due to their innovative contributions.

At the recent song release event, Rajashekhar lauded the enthusiastic involvement of the youth across all aspects of filmmaking. "Their proactive promotion efforts, including visits to ten colleges, reflect their determination to make a mark," says the director, as they anticipate a rewarding response at the box office following their five-month promotional efforts. The film is slated for a July release.

Cinematographer Manohar Joshi praised the dedication among the youth part of *Back Benchers*. "It's an absolute blast of a film. As a proud backbencher myself, it's been nostalgic for me to relive those college days. The youth involved in this film have put in tremendous effort and delivered commendable performances in front of the camera," he remarked. Anand Audio has released the song Yello Yello from Back Benchers. Sung by Nakul Abhayankar, who is also the composer, it has struck a chord with the masses.

The ensemble cast of Back Benchers includes Jatin Aryan, Akash MP, Shashank Simha, Suchendra Prasad, Arvind Kuplikar, Manya Gowda, Kumkum H, Anusha Suresh, Veyomi Vanitha, Manoj Shetty, Namitha Gowda, Vikas, Ranna, Vijay Prasad, Chaturthi Raj, and Gaurav.

KVN Productions has acquired the K'taka distribution rights for *Kalki*...

Prabhas

CE FEATURES

THE Prabhas-starrer *Kalki 2898 AD,* directed by Nag Ashwin, is set to release on June 27 in theatres worldwide. With Vyjayanthi Movies producing the project, KVN Productions has secured the distribution rights for Karnataka. Suprith, on behalf of the production house, confirmed the news while unveiling a two-part fifteen-minute animated series titled B&B: Bujji and Bhairava, which was subsequently released on Amazon Prime Video. *Kalki 2898 AD*, which has generated a lot of curiosity, features Prabhas in the role of Bhairava, with Bujji (Special Car) as a faithful companion. The film also stars Amitabh Bachchan, Kamal Haasan, Deepika Padukone, and Disha Patani in prominent roles. This high-budget film boasts Santhosh Narayanan as the music director, Kotagiri Venkateswara Rao as the editor, and Djordje Stojiljkovic as the cinematographer.

Suprith

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DASAPPA stars Thamanna, the actor known for the National award winning film *Thithi,* in the titular role. Directed by Vijay Keelara, who fulfilled his 15-year-directorial dream, the film delves into the life of the Dasappa community, exploring the reasons for their existence, including the traditional reverence they command, amidst village politics and disputes. The director, hailing from Mandya's Keelara, described *Dasappa* as a portrayal of rustic charm, inspired by Thithi. The cast also includes Manju Pavagada, Vinod Gobaragala, Anjana Girish, Surakshitha Shetty, and Sinchana Gowda, among others.

Dasappa is produced by Anand, Raghavendra, and Srinivas. ARS is the production banner associated with the film. Shot in locations such as Keelara, Mandya, Channapatna, and Ramanagara, *Dasappa's* trailer was recently unveiled through Siri Music's YouTube channel.

Thithi actor Thamanna takes on the titular role in *Dasappa*

A still from *Kotee*

KRG Studios acquires the theatrical release rights of *Kotee*

CE FEATURES

Directed by Parameshwar Gundkal, marking his directorial debut, the upcoming film features Daali Dhananjaya in the lead

KRG Studios, which has distributed over 100 films to date, including *KGF: Chapter 1, Kantara, 777 Charlie, Badava Rascal, Pailwaan, 12th Fail,* and *Hanuman,* has now acquired the distribution rights of the Daali Dhananjaya-starrer *Kotee*. The film, directed by debutant filmmaker Parameshwar Gundkal, is set to hit the theatres on June 14.

The distribution house is aiming for a release in more than 250 plus centres. Karthik Gowda of KRG Studios says, "Our relationship with Dhananjaya has extended through *Kotee*. I saw the film and was so moved by the writing of Param and the finesse with which he has woven the screenplay. We are pretty excited to present this to the audiences and are aiming for releases in 250 plus centres."

Billed as a thriller, *Kotee* is bankrolled by Jyothi Deshpande. It is to be noted that it is Jio Studios' first Kannada production. Besides Dhananjaya, the film also stars Ramesh Indira, Moksha Kushal, Rangayana Raghu, and Tara, among others.

Param, best known for his craft on Colors Kannada, has built expectations among audiences through the film's promotion, especially its poster. It is worth mentioning that those who watched the film through its initial screening agreed that expectations are on the right track. They described *Kotee* as a gripping emotional thriller and a perfect treat for family audiences after the IPL and election fever. On the technical front, Vasuki Vaibhav and Nobin Paul serve as *Kotee's* music composers. Cinematographer Arun Brahma, who has previously worked with Param, will also be marking his debut with *Kotee*.